

WESTERN ASSET VARIABLE RATE STRATEGIC FUND INC.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Merchant Thomas C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE

(Street)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
06/30/2015

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

WESTERN ASSET VARIABLE RATE STRATEGIC FUND INC. [GFY]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Director of Subadviser

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Common Stock

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

0 ⁽¹⁾

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

D ⁽¹⁾

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title Amount or Number of

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Shares (I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merchant Thomas C 100 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE BALTIMORE, MD 21202	Â	Â	Â	Director of Subadviser

Signatures

/s/ George P. Hoyt by Power of Attorney for Thomas Merchant 03/31/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The Reporting Person does not beneficially own any securities of the issuer, directly or indirectly.

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