

WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**Ballenger Melissa J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC ["WM"]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1301 SECOND AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/18/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**SVP, Corporate Controller**

**SEATTLE, WA 98101**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common	01/18/2008		F	317 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13.55	D	
<u>Common</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	01/22/2008		A	8,400	\$ 0	D	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 14.77	01/22/2008		A	51,136	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/22/2018	Common	51,136

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ballenger Melissa J 1301 SECOND AVENUE SEATTLE, WA 98101	X		SVP, Corporate Controller	

## Signatures

By: /s/ Christopher J. Bellavia,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/23/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Shares of vested restricted stock withheld to satisfy withholding obligations.
- (2) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to the Washington Mutual, Inc. Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (3) Option granted pursuant to the Washington Mutual, Inc. Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. One-third vests annually beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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