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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

WESTERN ALLIANCE

BANCORPORATION [WAL]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year) 10/12/2005

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, 2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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 Approximately 1. Securities Approximately 1. Securities Amount	of (D)	red (A)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	10/12/2005		J <u>(1)</u>	1,196,654	A	(1)	1,196,654	I	By Boyd-05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1	
Common Stock	10/12/2005		<u>J(1)</u>	1,595,539	A	(1)	1,595,539	I	By Boyd-05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #2	

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Common Stock	10/12/2005	<u>J(1)</u>	1,196,654 A	(1)	1,196,654	I	By Boyd-05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #3	
Common Stock					71,910	D		
Common Stock					290,712	I	By the Marianne E. Boyd Trust Dated March 7, 1989	
Common Stock					242,424	I	By BG-05 Limited Partnership	
Common Stock					9,638	I	By William & Myong Boyd Children's Trust	
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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3	ate	Amou Unde Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director $\frac{10\%}{\text{Owner}}$ Officer Other

JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION 2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

X

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact

10/13/2005

**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) On October 12, 2005, the reporting person became trustee of Boyd-05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1, Boyd-05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #2 and Boyd-05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #3.

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