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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 StateMent OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES									PPROVAL 3235-0287 January 31, 2005 average urs per . 0.5	
(Print or Type 1. Name and STEVER J	Person <u>*</u>	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) 7838 SE 22ND PLACE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2004			Officer (give title 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
				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 Person 			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-I	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	ed Date, if	3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price		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		
Reminder: Re	port on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	Perso inform requir	ned directly on ns who rest nation cont ed to respo	or indirectly. spond to the colle ained in this forn ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co	n are not rm	SEC 1474 (9-02)	

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pr
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Deri
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Secu

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(Inst		
			Code N	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock (1)	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	12/21/2004	А	210.79		(3)	(3)	Common	210.79	\$ 4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STEVER JAMES H 7838 SE 22ND PLACE MERCER ISLAND, WA 98040	Х					
Signatures						
By: /s/ Sophie Hager Hume, Attorney-in-Fact		12/	22/2004			
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person						

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) Phantom stock shares acquired under the Washington Mutual, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Certain Highly Compensated Employees (DCP) through deferral of retainer.
- (2) Converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Phantom stock distributed upon payment commencement date selected by reporting person.

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