

Porter J Benson  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Porter J Benson

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)  
1201 THIRD AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/20/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & Chief Admin Officer

SEATTLE, WA 98101

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(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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	01/20/2006		S	100	D	\$ 42.59	68,995.6	D	
Common	01/20/2006		S	700	D	\$ 42.57	68,295.6	D	
Common	01/20/2006		S	2,900	D	\$ 42.56	65,395.6	D	
Common	01/20/2006		S	300	D	\$ 42.58	65,095.6	D	
Common <u>(1)</u>	01/20/2006		A	11,800	A	\$ 0	76,895.6	D	



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