WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

WILLIS B WOOD JR

Symbol WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

["WM"]

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

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) GT23H4, 555 WEST 5TH STREET

(Middle)

11/16/2004

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

below)

LOS ANGELES, CA 900131011

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

3. Execution Date, if Code

(Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Conversion Security or Exercise Code Securities any

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** Deriva (Instr. 3 and 4) Securi

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	ed of					(Instr.
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock (1)	\$ 0 (2)	11/16/2004	A	72.27		(3)	(3)	Common	72.27	\$ 40

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WILLIS B WOOD JR GT23H4 555 WEST 5TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 900131011	X						

Signatures

By: /s/ Sophie Hager Hume, Attorney-in-Fact

11/18/2004

**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) Phantom stock shares acquired under the Washington Mutual, Inc. (WM) Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Certain Highly Compensated Employees (DCP) through Board fee deferral.
- (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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