

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 *
SOLENDER MICHAEL S

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)
07/15/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Legal Officer

SEATTLE, WA 98101

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	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			
<u>Common</u> (1)	07/15/2008		A	277,009	A \$ 0 277,009	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)

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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. 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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.61	07/15/2008		A	475,000	(2)		07/15/2015		Common	475,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SOLENDER MICHAEL S 1301 SECOND AVENUE SEATTLE, WA 98101			EVP & Chief Legal Officer	

Signatures

By: /s/ Casey M. Nault,
Attorney-in-Fact

07/17/2008

Date

**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) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan as part of the Reporting Person's initial sign-on equity compensation award. Shares vest in two equal installments on January 22, 2010 and 2011, respectively.
- (2) Grant of stock options pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. The stock options vest 100% on the earlier of (i) January 22, 2011 or (ii) the NYSE-reported trading price of the Company's common stock closing at \$26 or more per share for 15 consecutive trading days.

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