

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
May 12, 2009

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant  
to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) : May 12, 2009

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada	001-32550	88-0365922
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	(IRS Employer
of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)
2700 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada		89102
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (702) 248-4200

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 12, 2009, Western Alliance Bancorporation issued a press release announcing that the Company expects to offer and sell approximately \$150 million of common stock in an underwritten public offering. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated May 12, 2009.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
(Registrant)

/s/ Dale Gibbons  
Dale Gibbons  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 12, 2009