

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN STATES WATER CO  
 [AWR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 306 SOUTH 93RD AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/19/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

OMAHA, NE 68114  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/11/2009		A		64.236 (1) \$ 34.97	A	16,280.5542 D
Common Stock	11/12/2009		A		72.1966 (2) \$ 32.59	A	16,352.7508 D
Common Stock	02/12/2010		A		73.9987 (3) \$ 32.05	A	16,425.7612 D
Common Stock	05/12/2010		A		61.6369 (4) \$ 38.79	A	16,487.3981 D
Common Stock	05/19/2010		A		432 (5) \$ 36.23	A	16,919.3981 D

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Common Stock	05/20/2010	A	206 <sup>(6)</sup>	A	\$ 34.09	17,125.3981	D
Common Stock	05/22/2010	A	196 <sup>(7)</sup>	A	\$ 33.87	17,321.3981	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)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Date (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DODGE N P 306 SOUTH 93RD AVENUE OMAHA, NE 68114		X		

## Signatures

/s/ N.P. Dodge,  
Jr. 05/21/2010

\_\_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) DER units credited on 8/11/2009 as dividend at FMV

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- (2) DER units credited on 11/12/2009 as dividend at FMV
- (3) DER units credited on 02/12/2010 as dividend at FMV
- (4) DER units credited on 05/12/2010 as dividend at FMV
- (5) RSU's Awarded 05/19/2010
- (6) RSU's Awarded 05/20/2010
- (7) RSU's Awarded 05/22/2010

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