#### HEDLUND EDWIN C

Form 4

January 27, 2006

# FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HEDLUND EDWIN C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC [WFSL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 425 PIKE S		Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2006					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP/Secretary			
SEATTLE,	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	any		n Date, if Transaction			cquired d of (D) 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)	
Common Stock	01/25/2006			Р	279	(D)	\$ 22.99	20,943 (1)	I	Profit Sharing Retirement Plan	
Reminder: Re	port on a separate line	e for each c	lass of secu	ırities benet	ficially ow	ned d	irectly or	indirectly.			

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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HEDLUND EDWIN C

425 PIKE STREET EVP/Secretary

SEATTLE, WA 98101

### **Signatures**

Edwin C Hedlund 01/27/2006

\*\*Signature of Date
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) Mr. Hedlund also owns 39,600 shares directly.

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