

Western Union CO
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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 *
BATTISTA GUY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**THE WESTERN UNION
COMPANY, 12500 EAST
BELFORD AVENUE**

(Street)

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Western Union CO [WU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/23/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP & Pres. of WU Fin Svs Inc

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Am Underlying Sec |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|---|-------------------------|------------------------|--|--------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | A N S |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.21 | 10/23/2008 | <u>G⁽¹⁾</u> | | 43,910 | | <u>(2)</u> | 12/08/2009 | Common Stock | 4 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.21 | 10/23/2008 | <u>G⁽¹⁾</u> | 43,910 | | | <u>(2)</u> | 12/08/2009 | Common Stock | 4 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.54 | 10/23/2008 | <u>G⁽¹⁾</u> | | 87,820 | | <u>(2)</u> | 02/07/2011 | Common Stock | 8 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.54 | 10/23/2008 | <u>G⁽¹⁾</u> | 87,820 | | | <u>(2)</u> | 02/07/2011 | Common Stock | 8 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.77 | 10/23/2008 | <u>G⁽¹⁾</u> | | 70,260 | | <u>(2)</u> | 02/06/2012 | Common Stock | 7 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.77 | 10/23/2008 | <u>G⁽¹⁾</u> | 70,260 | | | <u>(2)</u> | 02/06/2012 | Common Stock | 7 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.62 | 10/23/2008 | <u>G⁽¹⁾</u> | | 52,692 | | <u>(2)</u> | 02/05/2013 | Common Stock | 5 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.62 | 10/23/2008 | <u>G⁽¹⁾</u> | 52,692 | | | <u>(2)</u> | 02/05/2013 | Common Stock | 5 |

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|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------------|---------|-----|------------|--------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.59 | 10/23/2008 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 87,820 | (2) | 02/25/2014 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.59 | 10/23/2008 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 87,820 | (2) | 02/25/2014 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.25 | 10/23/2008 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 87,820 | (2) | 02/23/2015 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.25 | 10/23/2008 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 87,820 | (2) | 02/23/2015 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.65 | 10/23/2008 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 131,730 | (2) | 02/22/2016 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.65 | 10/23/2008 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 131,730 | (2) | 02/22/2016 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.13 | 10/23/2008 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 33,530 | (3) | 09/29/2016 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.13 | 10/23/2008 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 33,530 | (3) | 09/29/2016 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

BATTISTA GUY A
THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY
12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

EVP & Pres. of WU Fin Svs Inc

Signatures

Sarah J. Kilgore, As Attorney-in-Fact for Guy A.
Battista

10/27/2008

__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) The reporting person gifted these stock options to Battista Family, LLLP, a limited liability limited partnership of which the reporting person and his wife were the only general and limited partners as of October 23, 2008.
- (2) This option is exercisable in full.
- (3) The option vests in four equal installments on September 29, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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