Ritzert Gerald J Form 4/A January 29, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Northwest Bancshares Inc [NWBI]

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]		(Check all applicable)						
(Last) 100 LIBERTY	(First) STREET	(Middle)	3. Date of Ea (Month/Day/ 01/20/2010	Year)	saction		DirectorX_ Officer (give below)	10%	Owner er (specify		
WARREN, PA	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2010			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)	Table I	- Non-Deri	ivative Sec	curities Acqu	cquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) Northwest Bancshares,	2. Transaction (Month/Day/	Year) Execu	Deemed ation Date, if th/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	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)		
Inc. Northwest Bancshares, Inc.							665	I	Wife's IRA		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.							3,355.54	I	401-K		
Northwest Bancshares,							1,072.5612	I	ESOP		

Inc.

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securiti	vative les ed	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	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 Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.33						12/15/2004	12/15/2014	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	2,790
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.19						01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,937
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.86						01/18/2007	01/18/2016	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,937
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.26						06/09/2006	08/20/2013	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	1,095
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.51						01/17/2008	01/17/2017	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,937
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29						04/25/2007	08/20/2013	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	333

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Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.92					08/22/2007	08/20/2013	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	317
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.12					01/16/2009	01/16/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	10,125
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.79					11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	10,125
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.48					02/18/2010	02/18/2019	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	10,125
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.49	01/20/2010	01/20/2010	A	9,000 (1)	01/20/2011	01/20/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	9,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ritzert Gerald J

100 LIBERTY STREET Sr. Vice President, Controller

WARREN, PA 16365

Signatures

Gerald J. Ritzert 01/29/2010

**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) One seventh of this grant will vest each year beginning January 20, 2011 and on January 20th of each year thereafter through January 20, 2017.

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