

# WESTERN UNION CO

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**BATTISTA GUY A**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Symbol	WU
Fiscal Year	12/31

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public  
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
<b>BATTISTA GUY A</b>			<b>Western Union CO [ WU ]</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>EVP &amp; Pres. of WU Fin Svs Inc</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
			<b>3/9/2009</b>					
THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY, 12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(Street)						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112								
(City)			(State)			(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	(A) or (D)			

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.21	3/9/2009		G		0	(1)	(2)	12/8/2009	Common Stock	43910	\$0	43910	(1)	I	By Battista Family, LLLP
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$13.54	3/9/2009		G		0	(1)	(2)	2/7/2011	Common Stock	87820	\$0	87820	(1)	I	By Battista Family, LLLP
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$18.77	3/9/2009		G		0	(1)	(2)	2/6/2012	Common Stock	70260	\$0	70260	(1)	I	By Battista Family, LLLP
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.62	3/9/2009		G		0	(1)	(2)	2/5/2013	Common Stock	52692	\$0	52692	(1)	I	By Battista Family, LLLP
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$18.59	3/9/2009		G		0	(1)	(2)	2/25/2014	Common Stock	87820	\$0	87820	(1)	I	By Battista Family, LLLP
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$18.25	3/9/2009		G		0	(1)	(2)	2/23/2015	Common Stock	87820	\$0	87820	(1)	I	By Battista Family, LLLP

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$20.65	3/9/2009		G		0	(1)	(2)	2/22/2016	Common Stock	131730	\$0	131730 (1)	I	By Battista Family, LLLP
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$19.13	3/9/2009		G		0	(1)	(3)	9/29/2016	Common Stock	33530	\$0	33530 (1)	I	By Battista Family, LLLP

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Represents gift of limited partnership interest in Battista Family, LLLP to one individual. Gift represents a 49 percent interest in Battista Family, LLLP. The reporting person and his wife are the sole general partners of Battista Family, LLLP. The Western Union Company employee stock options shown on this Form 4 are held by Battista Family, LLLP. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of The Western Union Company employee stock options held by Battista Family, LLLP, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) This option is exercisable in full.
- (3) The option vests in four equal installments on September 29, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

**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

3/11/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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