

WESTERN UNION CO

Reported by
ERSEK HIKMET

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112
Telephone	(720) 332-3361
CIK	0001365135
Symbol	WU
SIC Code	7389 - Business Services, Not Elsewhere Classified
Industry	Business Services
Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	12/31

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
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 * Ersek Hikmet (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 (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">2/17/2009</p>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP - EU/Mid Eas/Afri/Asia
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. 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)			
Common Stock	2/17/2009		A		70265 (1)	A	\$0	120817	D
Common Stock	2/17/2009		A		84318 (2)	A	\$0	205135	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				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11.86	2/17/2009		A		142695	(3)	2/17/2019	Common Stock	142695	\$0	142695	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Restricted stock unit award which vests in full, if the executive is employed by the Company at the time, on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Restricted stock unit award which vests in full, if the executive is employed by the Company at the time, on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) This option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 17, 2010.

Reporting Owners

	Relationships
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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ersek Hikmet THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY 12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112			EVP - EU/Mid Eas/Afri/Asia	

Signatures

Sarah J. Kilgore, As Attorney-in-Fact for Hikmet Ersek

2/19/2009

** 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).

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