

WESTERN UNION CO

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ERSEK HIKMET

FORM 3

(Initial Statement of 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 |
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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(h) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ersek Hikmet | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 9/14/2006 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Western Union CO [WU] |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) EVP - Eu/ Mid. Eas/ Afri./ S A / | |
| (Street) ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112 (City) (State) (Zip) | 5. 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 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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|---|---|--|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| NO SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED | 0 | D | |

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

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|--|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|---|---|
| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ersek Hikmet 12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112 | | | EVP - Eu/ Mid. Eas/ Afri./ S A | |

Signatures

/s/ Sarah J. Kilgore as Attorney-in-Fact For Hikmet Ersek

^{**} Signature of Reporting Person

9/14/2006

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 5(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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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Power of Attorney

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Sarah J. Kilgore and Darren Dragovich signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer of The Western Union Company (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules hereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission an any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in servicing in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of any transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 15 day of August, 2006.

/s/ Hikmet Ersek

Hikmet Ersek