

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
November 17, 2008

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

November 13, 2008

Western Alliance Bancorporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

001-32550

88-0365922

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

2700 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada

89102

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

702.248.4200

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On November 13, 2008, the Company announced that it received preliminary approval from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to purchase \$140 million of the Company's preferred stock and warrants. This press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

*November 14, 2008*

Western Alliance Bancorporation

By: */s/ Dale Gibbons*

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*Name: Dale Gibbons*

*Title: Chief Financial Officer*

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Exhibit Index

| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>            |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Announcement dated November 13, 2008 |