

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WILLIAMS ROBERT J JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC [WDR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6300 LAMAR AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP - Public Affairs

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66202
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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)	Price
Class A Common	05/09/2008		S		300	D	\$ 33.82 121,665
Class A Common	05/09/2008		S		400	D	\$ 33.83 121,265
Class A Common	05/09/2008		S		300	D	\$ 33.84 120,965
Class A Common	05/09/2008		S		1,000	D	\$ 33.85 119,965
Class A Common	05/09/2008		S		204	D	\$ 33.86 119,761

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Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	100	D	\$ 33.88	119,661	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	200	D	\$ 33.9	119,461	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	400	D	\$ 33.91	119,061	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	200	D	\$ 33.92	118,861	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	500	D	\$ 33.93	118,361	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	100	D	\$ 33.94	118,261	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	100	D	\$ 33.945	118,161	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	1,599	D	\$ 33.95	116,562	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	1	D	\$ 33.97	116,561	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	400	D	\$ 33.98	116,161	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	1,200	D	\$ 34	114,961	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	200	D	\$ 34.01	114,761	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	800	D	\$ 34.02	113,961	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	400	D	\$ 34.03	113,561	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	100	D	\$ 34.04	113,461	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	300	D	\$ 34.05	113,161	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	400	D	\$ 34.06	112,761	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	200	D	\$ 34.07	112,561	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	200	D	\$ 34.08	112,361	D
Class A Common	05/09/2008	S	200	D	\$ 34.12	112,161	D

