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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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WEST CORP

CIK: **1024657** | IRS No.: **470777362** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **7389** Business services, nec

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REPORTING OWNER

WEST GARY L

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Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-21771** | Film No.: **04814808**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>WEST GARY L</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>WEST CORP [WSTC]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/14/2004</u>					
<u>WEST CORPORATION, 11808 MIRACLE HILLS DRIVE</u>			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			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		
(Street) <u>OMAHA, NE 68154</u>								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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			

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)		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
Stock Units	(1)	05/14/2004		A		270.07		(1)	01/01/2010	Common Stock	270.07	\$24.86	10,507.39	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock Units will be settled upon the earlier of January 1, 2010 or upon the reporting person's termination of employment. Securities will be converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis. NOTE #1: 50% match (90.02 shares) vest 20% per year for five years pursuant to West Corporation's Non Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan. NOTE #2: Stock Units held by Gary and Mary West are held in joint tenancy with right of survivorship.

Signatures

Gary L. West

** Signature of Reporting Person

05/18/2004

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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