

WESTERN UNION CO

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THOMPSON JOHN DAVID

FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112
Telephone	(720) 332-3361
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Symbol	WU
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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		
Thompson John David			4/23/2012		Western Union CO [WU]		
(Last) (First) (Middle)			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY, 12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP and CIO /				
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)							

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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)

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

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:

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney poathompson.txt
No securities are beneficially owned.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thompson John David THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY			EVP and CIO	

12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE				
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112				

Signatures

Darren Dragovich, As Attorney-in-Fact

4/30/2012

** 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 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).

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The Western Union Company

Power of Attorney

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Darren Dragovich and Sarah Wadsworth signing singly, the undersigneds true and lawful attorney in fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigneds 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 and 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 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 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 assuring, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigneds 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 undersigneds 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 11th day of April, 2012.

/s/J. David Thompson