**FORM 4**
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

**MENDLIK PAUL M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**WEST CORPORATION,11808 MIRACLE HILLS DRIVE**

(Street)

**OMAHA,NE68154**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

**WEST CORP [ WSTC ]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)

**10/1/2003**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
**EVP-Finance, CFO & Treasurer**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

_ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (MM/DD/YYYY) | 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 Beneficially Owned ( *e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (MM/DD/YYYY) | 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 | | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| **Stock Options** | **$24.41** | **10/1/2003** | | **A** | | **25000** | | (1) | **10/1/2013** | **Common Stock** | **25000** | (2) | **100000** | **D** | |

**Explanation of Responses:**

**( 1)** 25% of the stock options are exercisable on or after 10/01/04; an additional 25% may be exercisable on or after the following dates: 10/01/05; 10/01/06; the final 25% may be exercised on or after 10/01/07.

**( 2)** The stock options were granted pursuant to West Corporation's 1996 Stock Incentive Plan.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships

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| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **MENDLIK PAUL M**<br>**WEST CORPORATION**<br>**11808 MIRACLE HILLS DRIVE**<br>**OMAHA,NE68154** | | | **EVP-Finance, CFO & Treasurer** | |

**Signatures**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Paul M. Mendlik** | **10/2/2003** |
| ** Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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