

VALDES MAX O
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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 *
VALDES MAX O

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY

(Street)

SANTA ANA, CA 92707

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST AMERICAN CORP [FAF]

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

11/23/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

SVP and Chief Acct. Officer

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 | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 11/23/2009 | 11/25/2009 | I ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,811.856 | D | \$ 32.48 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 24,323 | D | |

By
401(k)
Plan
Trust ⁽²⁾

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 47.49 | | | | | 12/08/2006 ⁽⁶⁾ 12/08/2015 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VALDES MAX O 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY SANTA ANA, CA 92707 | | | SVP and Chief Acct. Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Stacy S. Rentner, Attorney-in-Fact for Max O. Valdes 11/30/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Discretionary transaction exempt in accordance with Rule 16b-3(f) resulting in disposition of issuer securities.
Amount shown consists of shares contributed by issuer as company match, shares purchased for my account and shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid as reported in most recent account statement in transactions exempt under rules 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B) and 16b-3(c).
- (3) Includes 10,691 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 9,372 restricted stock units on 3/4/09 and a grant of 1,084 restricted stock units on 6/22/09, each vesting in five equal annual increments commencing on 3/4/10.
- (4) Includes 6,810 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 8,030 restricted stock units vesting in five equal annual increments commencing on 3/4/09, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (5)

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Includes 4,961 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 7,657 restricted stock units vesting in five equal annual increments commencing 3/5/08, the first anniversary of the grant.

(6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/8/06, the first anniversary of the grant.

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