

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>Cooney Wallace R.</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1150 15TH STREET, NW</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>WASHINGTON DC 20071</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>06/11/2008</u>	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>WASHINGTON POST CO [ WPO ]</u> <hr/> <b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> Director <span style="float: right;">10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float: right;">Other (specify below)</span> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>VP-Finance and CAO</u></p>	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b> <hr/> <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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### 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)
<u>Class B Common Stock<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>350</u>	<u>D</u>	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Option (right to buy)<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>12/13/2004</u>	<u>12/13/2014</u>	<u>Class B Common Stock</u> <u>1,000<sup>(3)</sup></u>	<u>953.5</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Includes 100 shares of restricted stock vesting on 1/5/2009 and 200 shares of restricted stock vesting on 1/3/2011.
2. Employee stock option granted pursuant to The Washington Post Company Stock Option Plan.
3. Includes 250 shares that become exercisable on 12/13/2008; remaining 750 shares are currently exercisable.

Wallace R. Cooney

08/22/2008

\*\* 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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