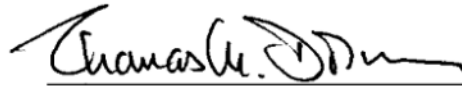


1. Furnish an estimate of the total capital value that would be raised in the stock issuance and the method used to generate this estimate.
2. Provide a calculation that approximates the amount of new capital that will be allocated to Western and to what extent Western's financial status will be affected.
3. Explain the justification that this stock issuance is the most cost-effective approach of realizing the objectives set forth in the application.
4. Present a schedule that reports the quantity and value of ESOP stock sold per year since the Commission's prior ESOP authorization.



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