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FORM 4

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Facey Paul D Issuer Symbol

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE

(Check all applicable) INSURANCE CO [NWLI]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below)

850 E ANDERSON LANE 03/28/2011 Sr VP - Chief Actuary

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

AUSTIN, TX 78752

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Class A Common 320 D Stock

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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (E	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 92.13	03/28/2011		M	280 (1)	04/20/2008	04/20/2011	Class A Common Stock	280
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					02/19/2012(2)	02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	1,00
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 255.13					04/18/2011 ⁽³⁾	04/18/2018	Class A Common Stock	1,00
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					04/23/2008(4)	04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	1,60

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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850 E ANDERSON LANE Sr VP - Chief Actuary

AUSTIN, TX 78752

Signatures

Paul D Facey 03/30/2011

**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) Exercise of Non Qualified Stock Options for 280 shares of Class A Common Stock as part of the Company's buy back program.

Reporting Owners 2

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- (2) The SARs are exercisable as they vest. The SARs vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.
- (3) The options are exercisable as they vest. The options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.
- (4) The options are exercisable as they vest. The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.

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