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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 *
 Scheuer Patricia L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO [NWLJ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 850 E ANDERSON LANE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/27/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr VP - Chief Investment Officer

AUSTIN, TX 78752
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	09/27/2012		M		200	A	\$ 114.64
Class A Common Stock	09/27/2012		D		200	D	\$ 143.24

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64	09/27/2012		M	200	02/19/2012 ⁽¹⁾	02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	200
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 132.56					12/14/2014 ⁽¹⁾	12/14/2021	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					02/19/2012 ⁽¹⁾	02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	800
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 255.13					04/18/2011 ⁽²⁾	04/18/2018	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					04/23/2008 ⁽³⁾	04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	1,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Scheuer Patricia L 850 E ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78752			Sr VP - Chief Investment Officer	

Signatures

Patricia L Scheuer 05/10/2013

**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) The SARs are exercisable as they vest. The SARs vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.

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

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

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