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Stock Class A

Common

05/09/2013

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may continue.

(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 Scheuer Patricia L 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 05/09/2013 Sr VP - Chief Investment Offic (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 **AUSTIN, TX 78752** Person (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 Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) V Amount (D) Price Class A Common 800 D 05/09/2013 M 800 Α \$ 150 Stock Class A Common 05/09/2013 F 627 173 D Stock Class A Common 05/09/2013 F 43 130 D

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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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	onof Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150	05/09/2013	M		800	04/23/2008(3)	04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	800
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 132.56					12/14/2014(1)	12/14/2021	Class A Common Stock	1,00
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	1,00
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					04/23/2008(3)	04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	800

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

2 Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Scheuer Patricia L 850 E ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78752

Sr VP - Chief Investment Offic

Signatures

Patricia L Scheuer 05/13/2013

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 Exerciable.
- (3) The options are exercisable as they vest. The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.
- (4) These shares were sold by the reporting person to the registrant pursuant to the registrant's share repurchase program.

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