

Glasgow Stephen E
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Glasgow Stephen E

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
 AUSTIN, TX 78752

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 50 | D | |

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. 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 132.56 | 12/14/2011 | | A | 1,000 | 12/14/2012 ⁽¹⁾ 12/14/2021 | Class A Common Stock 1,000 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 114.64 | | | | | 02/19/2010 ⁽¹⁾ 02/19/2019 | Class A Common Stock 1,000 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 208.05 | | | | | 06/20/2009 ⁽²⁾ 06/20/2018 | Class A Common Stock 1,000 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 150 | | | | | 06/25/2009 ⁽²⁾ 06/25/2014 | Class A Common Stock 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Glasgow Stephen E 850 E ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78752 | | X | | |

Signatures

Stephen E.
Glasgow 12/16/2011

**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) 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.

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