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(Middle)

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

Facey Paul D

(Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE

INSURANCE CO [NWLI]

850 E ANDERSON LANE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2011

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Sr VP - Chief Actuary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

AUSTIN, TX 78752

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) any

(Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Title and Amou

Underlying Secur

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 132.56	12/14/2011		A	1,000	12/14/2014(1)	12/14/2021	Class A Common Stock	1,0
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					02/19/2012(1)	02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	1,0
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 255.13					04/18/2011(2)	04/18/2018	Class A Common Stock	1,0
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					04/23/2008(3)	04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	1,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Facey Paul D							
850 E ANDERSON LANE			Sr VP - Chief Actuary				

AUSTIN, TX 78752

Signatures

Paul D Facey 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.
- (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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