

McLeod E Douglas
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FORM 4

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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 *
 McLeod E Douglas

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

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)
 12/14/2011

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V	Amount	(D) Price
Class A Common Stock						2,000	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 ⁽²⁾ 12/14/2021	Class A Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					02/19/2010 ⁽²⁾ 02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 208.05					06/20/2009 ⁽¹⁾ 06/20/2018	Class A Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					06/25/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 06/25/2014	Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McLeod E Douglas 850 E ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78752		X		

Signatures

E. Douglas
McLeod

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

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

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