

Moody Ross R  
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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 \*  
Moody Ross R

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)  
08/26/2010

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

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

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

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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)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	08/26/2010		M	225	A \$ 92.13	225	D
Class A Common Stock						1,642	D
Class A Common Stock						625	I Trust
Class B Common						482	I Trust

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Stock

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 92.13	08/26/2010		M	225	04/20/2006 04/20/2011	Class A Common Stock	225
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					02/19/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					02/19/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	5,500
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 208.05					06/20/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/20/2018	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 255.13					04/18/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 04/18/2018	Class A Common Stock	5,500
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					06/25/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/25/2014	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					04/23/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 95					06/22/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/22/2011	Class A Common	1,000

Non-Qualified Stock Options \$ 92.13

04/20/2006<sup>(3)</sup> 04/20/2011 Stock Class A Common Stock 4,7

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Moody Ross R 850 E ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78752	X		President	

## Signatures

Ross R. Moody 08/27/2010

     \*\*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) Of these 4775 options, 575 vested on 4/20/06, 2100 vested on 4/20/07, and 2100 vested on 4/20/08.
- (4) Exercise of Non-Qualified Stock Options for 225 shares of Class A Common Stock.

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