

Moody Ross R
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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 *
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)
05/13/2011

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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2011		S	150 D \$ 158	0	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/13/2011		S	150 D \$ 159	0	D	
Class A Common Stock					7,172	D	
Class A Common					625	I	Trust

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Stock

Class B

Common

Stock

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I

Trust

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					Date Exercisable: 02/19/2010 ⁽¹⁾ Expiration Date: 02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					Date Exercisable: 02/19/2012 ⁽¹⁾ Expiration Date: 02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	5,510
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 208.05					Date Exercisable: 06/20/2009 ⁽²⁾ Expiration Date: 06/20/2018	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 255.13					Date Exercisable: 04/18/2011 ⁽²⁾ Expiration Date: 04/18/2018	Class A Common Stock	5,510
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					Date Exercisable: 06/25/2005 ⁽²⁾ Expiration Date: 06/25/2014	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					Date Exercisable: 04/23/2007 ⁽²⁾ Expiration Date: 04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000

