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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

Stock

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Milos Charles D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			INSURANCE CO [NWLI]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify			
850 E ANDERSON LANE			04/13/2011	below) below) Sr VP - Mortgage Loans			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
AUSTIN, TX	X 78752			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner			

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	3. Transactio Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(msu. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(msu. 3,		3)	Owned Following Reported	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2011		M	1,300	A	\$ 92.13	1,300	D	
Class A Common							4,528	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nur of Shar
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 92.13	04/13/2011		M	1,300	04/20/2004(2)	04/20/2011	Class A Common Stock	1,3
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					02/19/2010(1)	02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	1,0
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Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 208.05					06/20/2009(2)	06/20/2018	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					06/25/2005 <u>(2)</u>	06/25/2014	Class A Common Stock	1,0
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					04/23/2007(2)	04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	2,0
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 95					06/22/2002 <u>(2)</u>	06/22/2011	Class A Common Stock	1,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Milos Charles D

850 E ANDERSON LANE X Sr VP - Mortgage Loans

AUSTIN, TX 78752

Signatures

Charles D. 04/14/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Exercise of Non Qualified Stock Options for 1300 shares of Class A Common Stock.

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