

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) October 16, 2008

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

COLORADO  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

84-0467208  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2-17039  
(Commission File Number)

850 EAST ANDERSON LANE, AUSTIN, TEXAS  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

78752-1602  
(Zip code)

(512) 836-1010  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act  
(17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 16, 2008, the Compensation and Stock Option Committee of the Board of Directors of National Western Life Insurance Company (the "Company") approved an amended 2008 Domestic Marketing Officer Bonus Program ("Amended Bonus Program"). The Amended Bonus Program updates certain performance target goals for specific aspects of the Company's business which were not included in the previously approved program. A copy of the Amended Bonus Program is attached hereto as Exhibit 10 (bt) and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
10(bt)	National Western Life Insurance Company 2008 Domestic Marketing Officer Bonus Program (as amended).

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY

Date: October 17, 2008

By: /S/ Brian M. Pribyl  
Brian M. Pribyl  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Financial & Administrative Officer  
and Treasurer

