

PONDER RONALD J  
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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 \*  
PONDER RONALD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
120 MONUMENT CIRCLE  
(Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/04/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/04/2005		M		17,300	A	\$ 67.95
					39,360		
Common Stock	03/04/2005		S		17,300	D	\$ 126
					22,060		
Common Stock	03/04/2005		M		60,954	A	\$ 67.95
					83,014		
Common Stock	03/04/2005		S		60,954	D	\$ 125.45
					22,060		
Common Stock	03/04/2005		M		4,413	A	\$ 67.95
					26,473		

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Common Stock	03/04/2005	S	4,413	D	\$ 125.45	22,060	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2005	M	78,533	A	\$ 55.1	100,593	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2005	S	78,533	D	\$ 125.45	22,060	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2005	M	26,453	A	\$ 82.06	48,513	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2005	S	26,453	D	\$ 125.45	22,060	D	
Common Stock						40	I	401(k)

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)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 67.95	03/04/2005		M	78,254	12/24/2002	06/23/2012	Common Stock	78,254
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 67.95	03/04/2005		M	4,413	12/24/2002	06/23/2012	Common Stock	4,413
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 55.1	03/04/2005		M	78,533	08/05/2003	02/04/2013	Common Stock	78,533

buy)

Employee  
Stock

Option	\$ 82.06	03/04/2005		M	26,453	07/26/2004	01/25/2014	Common Stock	26,453
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(right to  
buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PONDER RONALD J 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204			EVP	

## Signatures

Nancy Purcell, Attorney-in-fact	03/08/2005
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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).

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