

Facey Paul D
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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 *
Facey Paul D

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)
03/28/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr VP - Chief Actuary

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	320	D	

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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 92.13	03/28/2011		M	280 <u>(1)</u>	04/20/2008 04/20/2011	Class A Common Stock	280
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					02/19/2012 ⁽²⁾ 02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 255.13					04/18/2011 ⁽³⁾ 04/18/2018	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					04/23/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ 04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	1,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Facey Paul D 850 E ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78752			Sr VP - Chief Actuary	

Signatures

Paul D Facey 03/30/2011
 **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) Exercise of Non Qualified Stock Options for 280 shares of Class A Common Stock as part of the Company's buy back program.

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- (2) The SARs are exercisable as they vest. The SARs vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.
- (3) The options are exercisable as they vest. The options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.
- (4) The options are exercisable as they vest. The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.

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