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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OFTHE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2007

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _	to
Commission File N	umber: 2-17039

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO 84-0467208
(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

850 EAST ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TEXAS 78752-1602 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(512) 836-1010 (Telephone Number)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days: Yes b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated file" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer b Non-accelerated filer o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No b

As of November 7, 2007, the number of shares of Registrant's common stock outstanding was: Class A-3,422,324 and Class B-200,000.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands)

		Unaudited) ptember 30,	December 31,
	36	2007	2006
ASSETS		2007	2000
Investments:			
Securities held to maturity, at amortized cost	\$	3,750,933	3,603,434
Securities available for sale, at fair value		1,893,854	1,902,568
Mortgage loans, net of allowances for possible			
losses (\$3,566 and \$2,100)		98,852	103,325
Policy loans		84,377	86,856
Derivatives		51,797	72,012
Other long-term investments		16,965	22,822
Total investments		5,896,778	5,791,017
Cash and short-term investments		41,036	49,901
Deferred policy acquisition costs		653,893	643,964
Deferred sales inducements		101,888	93,139
Accrued investment income		63,469	64,393
Federal income tax receivable		10,922	-
Other assets		47,197	51,029
	\$	6,815,183	6,693,443

Note: The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2006, has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements as of that date.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share amounts)

Future policy benefits:	75 49 66
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Traditional life and annuity contracts \$ 138,720 138,3	75 49 66
Universal life and annuity contracts 5,454,962 5,395,0	49
Other policyholder liabilities 117,342 112,4	
Federal income tax liability:	
Current - 1,6	07
Deferred 46,366 32,2	
Other liabilities 77,727 80,6	80
Total liabilities 5,835,117 5,760,4	59
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 5 and 9)	
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:	
Common stock: Class A - \$1 par value; 7,500,000 shares authorized; 3,422,324 and	
3,420,824 issued and outstanding in 2007 and 2006 3,420,824 issued and outstanding in 2007 and 2006 3,422	21
Class B - \$1 par value; 200,000 shares authorized, issued,	
	00
Additional paid-in capital 36,236 36,1	10
Accumulated other comprehensive loss (9,458) (3,7	
Retained earnings 949,666 896,9	84
Total stockholders' equity 980,066 932,9	84
\$ 6,815,183 6,693,4	43

Note: The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2006, has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements as of that date.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

		2007	2006
Premiums and other revenue:			
Traditional life and annuity premiums	\$	4,755	3,654
Universal life and annuity contract revenues		30,025	26,923
Net investment income		75,075	96,049
Other income		3,786	3,064
Realized gains (losses) on investments		(1,505)	190
Total premiums and other revenue		112,136	129,880
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Benefits and expenses:			
Life and other policy benefits		11,337	9,212
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs		25,238	24,430
Universal life and annuity contract interest		38,219	59,065
Other operating expenses		12,871	12,513
Total benefits and expenses		87,665	105,220
Earnings before Federal income taxes		24,471	24,660
Provision (benefit) for Federal income taxes:			
Current		(2,836)	8,214
Deferred		11,685	374
Total Federal income taxes		8,849	8,588
Net earnings	\$	15,622	16,072
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$	4.31	4.44
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Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	4.28	4.40

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	2007	2006
Premiums and other revenue:		
Traditional life and annuity premiums	\$ 14,074	11,742
Universal life and annuity contract revenues	87,474	79,477
Net investment income	260,033	261,059
Other income	10,461	11,271
Realized gains on investments	2,901	3,229
Total premiums and other revenue	374,943	366,778
Benefits and expenses:		
Life and other policy benefits	32,748	28,300
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	74,660	69,443
Universal life and annuity contract interest	143,037	138,678
Other operating expenses	43,354	51,611
Total benefits and expenses	293,799	288,032
Earnings before Federal income taxes	81,144	78,746
Provision (benefit) for Federal income taxes:		
Current	6,551	28,987
Deferred	18,448	(2,585)
Total Federal income taxes	24,999	26,402
Total rederal income taxes	24,999	20,402
Net earnings	\$ 56,145	52,344
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$ 15.50	14.46
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 15.37	14.32

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	2007	2006
Net earnings	\$ 15,622	16,072
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of effects of		
deferred policy acquisition costs and taxes:		
Net unrealized gains on securities:		
Net unrealized holding gains arising during period	4,860	15,866
Reclassification adjustment for (gains) and losses included		
in net earnings	16	(42)
Amortization of net unrealized gains		
related to transferred securities	25	6
Net unrealized gains on securities	4,901	15,830
Foreign currency translation adjustments	47	(317)
Benefit plan adjustment	308	-
Other comprehensive income	5,256	15,513
Comprehensive income	\$ 20,878	31,585

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	2007	2006
Net earnings	\$ 56,145	52,344
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of effects of		
deferred policy acquisition costs and taxes:		
Net unrealized losses on securities:		
Net unrealized holding losses arising during period	(3,745)	(4,394)
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net earnings	(2,848)	(1,740)
Amortization of net unrealized gains (losses)		
related to transferred securities	79	(90)
Net unrealized losses on securities	(6,514)	(6,224)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(139)	(152)
Benefit plan adjustment	926	-
Other comprehensive loss	(5,727)	(6,376)
Comprehensive income	\$ 50,418	45,968
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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 (Unaudited) (In thousands)

Common stock:		2007	2006
Balance at beginning of year	\$	3,621	3,613
Shares exercised under stock option plan	Ψ	3,021	3,013
Shares exercised under stock option plan		•	Ü
Balance at end of period		3,622	3,621
Additional paid-in capital:			
Balance at beginning of year		36,110	37,923
Shares exercised under the stock option plan		126	510
Adjustment for stock option liability classification		-	(1,211)
Balance at end of period		36,236	37,222
Accumulated other comprehensive income:			
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities:			
Balance at beginning of year		3,148	10,401
Change in unrealized losses during period		(6,514)	(6,224)
Balance at end of period		(3,366)	4,177
Foreign currency translation adjustments:			
Balance at beginning of year		3,122	3,300
Change in translation adjustments during period		(139)	(152)
Balance at end of period		2,983	3,148
Benefit plan liability adjustment:			
Balance at beginning of year		(10,001)	(3,137)
Change in benefit plan liability adjustment during period		926	-
Balance at end of period		(9,075)	(3,137)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss at end of period		(9,458)	4,188
Retained earnings:			
Balance at beginning of year		896,984	821,908
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax		(2,195)	-
Net earnings		56,145	52,344
Stockholder dividends		(1,268)	(1,267)
Balance at end of period		949,666	872,985

Total stockholders' equity	\$ 980,066	918,016
See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.		
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NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net earnings	\$ 56,144	52,344
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash	,	- /-
from operating activities:		
Universal life and annuity contract interest	143,037	138,678
Surrender charges and other policy revenues	(26,776)	(24,226)
Realized gains on investments	(2,901)	(3,229)
Accrual and amortization of investment income	(3,829)	(3,793)
Depreciation and amortization	746	1,030
(Increase) decrease in value of derivatives	26,393	(7,901)
Increase in deferred policy acquisition and sales inducement costs	(9,730)	(6,479)
(Increase) decrease in accrued investment income	924	(615)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	582	(7,126)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities for future policy benefits	338	(612)
Increase in other policyholder liabilities	4,893	15,913
Increase (decrease) in Federal income tax liability	6,861	987
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	(5,924)	14,941
Other	168	(72)
Net cash provided by operating activities	190,926	169,840
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sales of:		
Securities held to maturity	5,175	_
Securities available for sale	28,418	21,502
Other investments	33,255	32,951
Proceeds from maturities and redemptions of:	00,200	02,501
Securities held to maturity	106,023	199,590
Securities available for sale	268,999	86,848
Purchases of:	,	7 7 7
Securities held to maturity	(256,014)	(254,994)
Securities available for sale	(284,742)	(160,576)
Other investments	(35,619)	(33,039)
Principal payments on mortgage loans	21,623	8,867
Cost of mortgage loans acquired	(18,480)	(3,999)
Decrease in policy loans	(2,309)	(29)
Other	(2,006)	(247)
Net cash used in investing activities	(135,677)	(103,126)

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NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS, CONTINUED For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 (Unaudited) (In thousands)

		2007	2006
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Deposits to account balances for universal life			
and annuity contracts	\$	380,708	419,003
Return of account balances on universal life			
and annuity contracts		(444,877)	(393,077)
Issuance of common stock under stock option plan		127	510
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities		(64,042)	26,436
Effect of foreign exchange		(72)	738
Net increase (decrease) in cash and short-term investments		(8,865)	93,888
Cash and short-term investments at beginning of year		49,901	31,355
Cash and short-term investments at end of period	\$	41,036	125,243
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:			
Cash paid during the nine month period for:	ф	20	20
Interest	\$	30	30
Income taxes		19,155	24,990

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

(1) CONSOLIDATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for annual financial statements. In the opinion of management, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. The results of operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 accessible free of charge through the Company's internet site at www.nationalwesternlife.com or the Securities and Exchange Commission internet site at www.sec.gov.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of National Western Life Insurance Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries ("Company"), The Westcap Corporation, NWL Investments, Inc., NWL Services, Inc., and NWL Financial, Inc. All significant intercorporate transactions and accounts have been eliminated in consolidation.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior periods to conform to the reporting categories used in 2007.

(2) CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

In September 2005, the AICPA issued Statement of Position 05-1, *Accounting by Insurance Enterprises for Deferred Acquisition Costs in Connection with Modifications or Exchanges of Insurance Contracts* ("SOP 05-1") which is effective for internal replacements occurring in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. SOP 05-1 provides guidance on accounting by insurance enterprises for deferred acquisition costs on internal replacements of insurance and investment contracts other than those specifically described in FASB No. 97. SOP 05-1 defines an internal replacement as a modification in product benefits, features, rights, or coverages that occurs by the exchange of a contract for a new contract, or by amendment, endorsement, or rider to a contract, or by the election of a feature or coverage within a contract. The Company has an impact related to the adoption of SOP 05-1 for contracts which have annuitized and relative to reinstatements of contracts in that the unamortized deferred acquisition costs and deferred sales inducement assets must be written-off at the time of annuitization and may not be continued related to reinstatements. SOP 05-1 results in changes in assumptions relative to estimated gross profits which affects unamortized deferred acquisition costs, unearned revenue liabilities, and deferred sales inducement balances as of the beginning of the year. The effect of this SOP on beginning retained earnings as of January 1, 2007 was a decrease of \$2.2 million, net of tax, as detailed below.

Amounts (In thousands)

Write-off of deferred acquisition cost	\$ 3,321
Adjustment to deferred annuity revenue	56
	3,377

Federal income tax	(1,182)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting for	
internal replacements and investment contracts	\$ 2,195
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The FASB issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("FIN 48"), dated June, 2006. The interpretation requires public companies to recognize the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position is "more likely than not" to be sustained assuming examination by tax authorities. The amount recognized would be the amount that represents the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being ultimately realized. A liability would be recognized for any benefit claimed, or expected to be claimed, in a tax return in excess of the benefit recorded in the financial statements, along with any interest and penalty (if applicable) on the excess. FIN 48 requires a tabular reconciliation of the change in the aggregate unrecognized tax benefits claimed, or expected to be claimed, in tax returns and disclosure relating to accrued interest and penalties for unrecognized tax benefits. Discussion is required for those uncertain tax positions where it is reasonably possible that the estimate of the tax benefit will change significantly in the next 12 months. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The adoption of FIN 48 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On February 16, 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments, which amends SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities, and SFAS No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities. Hybrid financial instruments are single financial instruments that contain an embedded derivative. Under SFAS No. 155, entities can elect to record certain hybrid financial instruments at fair value as individual financial instruments. Prior to this amendment, certain hybrid financial instruments were required to be separated into two instruments – a derivative and host – and generally only the derivative was recorded at fair value. SFAS No. 155 also requires that beneficial interests in securitized assets be evaluated for either freestanding or embedded derivatives. SFAS No. 155 is effective for all financial instruments acquired or issued after January 1, 2007. SFAS No. 155 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements on the date of adoption.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement does not require any new fair value measurements, but the application of this Statement could change current practices in determining fair value. The Company plans to adopt this guidance effective January 1, 2008. The Company is currently assessing the impact of SFAS No. 157 on the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In February of 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. This Statement permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. SFAS No. 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company is currently assessing the impact of SFAS No. 159.

(3) STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

The Company is restricted by state insurance laws as to dividend amounts which may be paid to stockholders without prior approval from the Colorado Division of Insurance. The Company paid no cash dividends on common stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. However, the Company declared a cash dividend on August 24, 2007 payable November 29, 2007 to stockholders on record as of October 31, 2007. The dividends declared were \$0.36 per common share to Class A stockholders and \$0.18 per common share to Class B stockholders. The dividend payment was approved by the Colorado Division of Insurance. A dividend in the same amounts per share on Class A and Class B shares was declared in August and payable in November of 2006.

(4) EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share of common stock are computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average basic common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share assumes the issuance of common shares applicable to stock options in the denominator.

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(In th	ousands, excep	t per share data)	
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share: Earnings available to common stockholders				
before and after assumed conversions	\$ 15,622	16,072	56,145	52,344
Denominator:				
Basic earnings per share -				
weighted-average shares	3,622	3,621	3,622	3,620
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Effect of dilutive stock options	31	34	31	36
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Diluted earnings per share -				
adjusted weighted-average				
shares for assumed conversions	3,653	3,655	3,653	3,656
Basic earnings per share	\$ 4.31	4.44	15.50	14.46
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 4.28	4.40	15.37	14.32

(5) PENSION AND OTHER POSTRETIREMENT PLANS

(A) Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Company sponsors a qualified defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all employees. The Plan provides benefits based on the participants' years of service and compensation. The Company makes annual contributions to the plan that complies with the minimum funding provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The following summarizes the components of net periodic benefit cost.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months En	•
	2007	2006	2007	2006
		(In t	housands)	
Service cost	\$ 180	175	540	518

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Interest cost	272	279	815	766
Expected return on plan assets	(275)	(255)	(825)	(710)
Amortization of prior service cost	1	1	3	3
Amortization of net loss	80	99	240	264
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 258	299	773	841

The Company has contributed \$1.8 million to the qualified plan in 2007. No further contributions are expected in 2007.

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Effective October 19, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors approved an amendment to freeze the Plan as of December 31, 2007. As of that date, the freeze will cease future benefit accruals to all participants and close the Plan to any new participants. In addition, all participants will become immediately 100% vested in their accrued benefits as of that date. Using estimated assumptions the cumulative estimated minimum required contribution for the next five years is \$2.1 million at which time the Plan is expected to be fully funded. Future pension expense is projected to be minimal.

The Company also sponsors a non-qualified defined benefit plan primarily for senior officers. The plan provides benefits based on the participants' years of service and compensation. The pension obligations and administrative responsibilities of the plan are maintained by a pension administration firm, which is a subsidiary of American National Insurance Company ("ANICO"). ANICO has guaranteed the payment of pension obligations under the plan. However, the Company has a contingent liability with respect to the pension plan should these entities be unable to meet their obligations under the existing agreements. Also, the Company has a contingent liability with respect to the plan in the event that a plan participant continues employment with the Company beyond age seventy, the aggregate average annual participant salary increases exceed 10% per year, or any additional employees become eligible to participate in the plan. If any of these conditions are met, the Company would be responsible for any additional pension obligations resulting from these items. Amendments were made to the plan to allow an additional employee to participate and to change the benefit formula for the Chairman of the Company. As previously mentioned, these additional obligations are a liability to the Company. Effective December 31, 2004, this plan was frozen with respect to the continued accrual of benefits of the Chairman and the President of the Company in order to comply with law changes under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 ("Act").

Effective July 1, 2005, the Company established a second non-qualified defined benefit plan for the benefit of the Chairman of the Company. This plan is intended to provide for post-2004 benefit accruals that mirror and supplement the pre-2005 benefit accruals under the previously discussed non-qualified plan, while complying with the requirements of the Act.

Effective November 1, 2005, the Company established a third non-qualified defined benefit plan for the benefit of the President of the Company. This plan is intended to provide for post-2004 benefit accruals that supplement the pre-2005 benefit accruals under the first non-qualified plan as previously discussed, while complying with the requirements of the Act.

The following summarizes the components of net periodic benefit costs for these non-qualified plans.

	Т	hree Montl Septembo		Nine Months End 30,	*
		2007	2006	2007	2006
			(In tl	housands)	
Service cost	\$	194	574	580	1,222
Interest cost		240	385	721	531
Amortization of prior service cost		260	457	780	780
Amortization of net loss		101	137	303	137
Net periodic benefit cost	\$	795	1,553	2,384	2,670

The Company expects to contribute \$1.4 million to these plans in 2007. As of September 30, 2007, the Company has contributed \$1.0 million to the plan.

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(B) Defined Benefit Postretirement Plans

The Company sponsors two healthcare plans to provide postretirement benefits to certain fully-vested individuals. The following summarizes the components of net periodic benefit costs.

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Er	•
	20	007	2006	2007	2006
			(In th	nousands)	
Interest cost	\$	36	38	106	88
Amortization of prior service cost		25	26	77	77
Amortization of net loss		7	-	22	-
Net periodic benefit cost	\$	68	64	205	165

As previously disclosed in its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006, the Company expects to contribute minimal amounts to the plan in 2007.

(6) SEGMENT AND OTHER OPERATING INFORMATION

Under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 131, *Disclosures About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*, the Company defines its reportable operating segments as domestic life insurance, international life insurance, and annuities. These segments are organized based on product types and geographic marketing areas. A summary of segment information for the quarters ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 is provided below.

Selected Segment Information.

selected segment tilgermanen.	omestic Life asurance	International Life Insurance	Annuities (In thousands)	All Others	Totals
September 30, 2007:					
Selected Balance Sheet Items:					
Deferred policy acquisition					
costs and sales inducements	\$ 57,063	189,866	508,852	-	755,781
Total segment assets	392,465	769,225	5,513,462	104,786	6,779,938
Future policy benefits	318,171	541,526	4,733,985	-	5,593,682
Other policyholder liabilities	10,915	17,225	89,202	-	117,342
Three Months Ended					
September 30, 2007:					
Condensed Income Statements:					
Premiums and contract					
revenues	\$ 6,875	21,826	6,079	-	34,780
Net investment income	4,774	6,460	62,833	1,008	75,075
Other income	7	19	543	3,217	3,786
Total revenues	11,656	28,305	69,455	4,225	113,641
Life and other policy benefits	3,969	6,353	1,015	-	11,337
Amortization of deferred					
policy acquisition costs	2,229	8,045	14,964	-	25,238
Universal life and annuity					
contract interest	2,396	6,131	29,692	-	38,219
Other operating expenses	2,877	3,616	3,593	2,785	12,871
Federal income taxes (benefit)	42	1,457	7,314	563	9,376
Total expenses	11,513	25,602	56,578	3,348	97,041
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Segment earnings	\$ 143	2,703	12,877	877	16,600
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	omestic Life surance	International Life Insurance	Annuities (In thousands)	All Others	Totals
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007: Condensed Income Statements: Premiums and contract					
revenues	\$ 19,522	64,061	17,965	-	101,548
Net investment income	13,967	21,075	220,263	4,728	260,033
Other income	34	106	909	9,412	10,461
Total revenues	33,523	85,242	239,137	14,140	372,042
Life and other policy benefits	12,727	17,330	2,691	-	32,748
Amortization of deferred					
policy acquisition costs	5,041	25,401	44,218	-	74,660
Universal life and annuity					
contract interest	7,028	19,227	116,782	-	143,037
Other operating expenses	9,084	12,388	13,673	8,209	43,354
Federal income taxes (benefit)	(109)	3,340	18,936	1,817	23,984
Total expenses	33,771	77,686	196,300	10,026	317,783
Segment earnings (losses)	\$ (248)	7,556	42,837	4,114	54,259
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Selected Segment Information.

	Oomestic Life nsurance	International Life Insurance	Annuities (In thousands)	All Others	Totals
September 30, 2006:					
Selected Balance Sheet Items:					
Deferred policy acquisition					
costs and sales inducements	\$ 49,041	177,482	499,212	-	725,735
Total segment assets	377,777	691,455	5,414,024	98,269	6,581,525
Future policy benefits	312,671	479,838	4,671,975	-	5,464,484
Other policyholder liabilities	9,702	21,680	85,089	-	116,471
Three Months Ended					
September 30, 2006:					
Condensed Income Statements:					
Premiums and contract					
revenues	\$ 5,932	19,364	5,281	-	30,577
Net investment income	4,545	6,771	83,900	833	96,049
Other income	10	21	106	2,927	3,064
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Total revenues	10,487	26,156	89,287	3,760	129,690
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Life and other policy benefits	3,505	4,984	723	-	9,212
Amortization of deferred	1 406	6.051	15.002		24.420
policy acquisition costs	1,496	6,951	15,983	-	24,430
Universal life and annuity	2 202	7.105	40.507		50.065
contract interest	2,293	7,185	49,587	2 922	59,065
Other operating expenses	2,533 212	3,131	4,027	2,822	12,513
Federal income taxes	212	1,376	6,598	336	8,522
Total expenses	10,039	23,627	76,918	3,158	113,742
Segment earnings	\$ 448	2,529	12,369	602	15,948
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Life	International Life Insurance	Annuities (In thousands)	All Others	Totals
\$ 17,465	57,448	16,306	-	91,219
14,761	18,958	223,307	4,033	261,059
25	66	2,968	8,212	11,271
32,251	76,472	242,581	12,245	363,549
11,536	14,204	2,560	-	28,300
4,868	16,462	48,113	-	69,443
6,836	16,399	115,443	-	138,678
9,995	14,956	18,987	7,673	51,611
(328)	4,836	19,235	1,529	25,272
32,907	66,857	204,338	9,202	313,304
\$ (656)	9,615	38,243	3,043	50,245
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Reconciliations of segment information to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements are provided below.

	Three Month Septembe		Nine Months Ende 30,	September	
	2007 2006		2007	2006	
	(In thousands)				
Premiums and Other Revenue:					
Premiums and contract revenues	\$ 34,780	30,577	101,548	91,219	
Net investment income	75,075	96,049	260,033	261,059	
Other income	3,786	3,064	10,461	11,271	
Realized gains (losses) on investments	(1,505)	190	2,901	3,229	
Total consolidated premiums and					
other revenue	\$ 112,136	129,880	374,943	366,778	

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		September
	2007	2006	20 nousand	07	2006
Federal Income Taxes:		(111 ti	iousuna	,	
	\$ 9,376	8,522		23,984	25,272
Taxes on realized gains (losses)	- ,	- /-		- ,	-, -
on investments	(527)	66		1,015	1,130
	(=1)			-,	2,200
Total consolidated Federal					
income taxes	\$ 8,849	8,588		24,999	26,402
	Three Months	s Ended	Nine l	Months Ended	September
	September	r 30,	30,		1
	2007	2006	20		2006
	(In thousands)				
Net Earnings:		`		,	
	\$ 16,600	15,948		54,259	50,245
Realized gains (losses) on					
investments, net of taxes	(978)	124		1,886	2,099
Total consolidated net earnings	\$ 15,622	16,072		56,145	52,344
				Septemb	
				2007	2006
	(In thousands)			sands)	
Assets:				6.550.000	
Total segment assets			\$	6,779,938	6,581,525
Other unallocated assets				35,245	20,156
Total consolidated assets			\$	6,815,183	6,601,681

(7) SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

The Company has a stock and incentive plan ("Plan") which provides for the grant of any or all of the following types of awards to eligible employees: (1) stock options, including incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options; (2) stock appreciation rights, in tandem with stock options or freestanding; (3) restricted stock; (4) incentive awards; and (5) performance awards. The Plan began on April 21, 1995, and was to terminate on April 20, 2005, unless terminated earlier by the Board of Directors. The Plan was amended on June 25, 2004 to extend the termination date to April 20, 2010. The number of shares of Class A, \$1.00 par value, common stock which may be issued under the Plan, or as to which stock appreciation rights or other awards may be granted, may not exceed 300,000. These shares may be authorized and unissued shares. The Company has only issued nonqualified stock options.

All of the employees of the Company and its subsidiaries are eligible to participate in the Plan. In addition, directors of the Company, other than Compensation and Stock Option Committee members, are eligible for restricted stock

awards, incentive awards, and performance awards. Company directors, including members of the Compensation and Stock Option Committee, are eligible for nondiscretionary stock options. The directors' stock options vest 20% annually following one full year of service to the Company from the date of grant. The officers' stock options vest 20% annually following three full years of service to the Company from the date of grant. Options issued expire after ten years. No awards were issued in 2007 or 2006.

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Through December 31, 2005, the Company classified the Plan as equity, and as such, utilized the grant date fair value method to measure compensation. Effective March 10, 2006, as more fully described below, the Company's Plan classification was changed to liability and accordingly, the Company began using the current fair value method to measure compensation cost. A summary of shares available for grant and stock option activity is detailed below.

	Shares Available For Grant	Options Ou	ttstanding Weighted- Average Exercise Price
Balance at January 1, 2007	26,477	128,465	\$ 123.00
Stock Options:			
Exercised	-	(31,690)	106.08
Forfeited	1,110	(1,110)	131.23
Expired	81	(81)	85.13
Balance at September 30, 2007	27,668	95,584	\$ 128.54

The total intrinsic value of options exercised was \$4.6 million and \$3.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The total share-based liabilities paid were \$4.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The total fair value of shares vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$3.2 million and \$2.6 million, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at September 30, 2007.

	Options Outstanding				
		Weighted-			
			Average		
	N	lumber	Remaining	Options	
			Contractual		
	Out	standing	Life	Exercisable	
Exercise prices:					
\$ 105.25		7,130	1.0 years	7,130	
112.38		4,800	1.2 years	4,800	
92.13		20,154	4.1 years	13,286	
95.00		7,000	4.2 years	7,000	
150.00		56,500	7.1 years	13,100	
Totals		95,584		45,316	
Aggregate intrinsic value					
(in thousands)	\$	12,179	9	6,455	

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above is based on the closing stock price of \$255.96 per share on September 30, 2007.

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In estimating the fair value of the options outstanding at September 30, 2007, the Company employed the Black-Scholes option pricing model with assumptions as detailed below.

		2007	2006
Expected term of options		2 to 6 years	2 to 6 years
Expected volatility:			
		16.21% to	15.31% to
Range		23.19%	24.73%
Weighted-average		19.55%	19.73%
Expected dividends	\$	0.36	-
Risk-free rate:			
Range	3	3.95% to 4.35%	4.49% to 4.85%
Weighted-average		4.12%	4.61%

The Company reviewed the contractual term relative to the options as well as perceived future behavior patterns of exercise. Volatility is based on historical volatility over the expected term.

The pre-tax compensation cost recognized in the financial statements related to the Plan was \$2.6 million and \$12.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The related tax benefit recognized was \$0.9 million and \$4.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Effective March 10, 2006, the Company adopted and implemented a limited stock buy-back program which provides option holders the additional alternative of selling shares acquired through the exercise of options directly back to the Company. Option holders may elect to sell such acquired shares back to the Company at any time within ninety (90) days after the exercise of options at the prevailing market price as of the date of notice of election. The buy-back program did not alter the terms and conditions of the Plan, however the program necessitated a change in accounting from the equity classification to the liability classification. The modification affected 35 plan participants who had options outstanding on the date of modification and resulted in \$11.7 million of total incremental pre-tax compensation cost due to the change from the equity to liability classification.

As of September 30, 2007, the total compensation cost related to nonvested options not yet recognized was \$2.1 million. This amount is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.2 years. The Company recognizes compensation cost over the graded vesting periods.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, the total cash received from the exercise of options under the Plan was \$0.1 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

(8) FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

During the second quarter of 2007, upon the completion of a detailed review of the deferred tax items, the Company identified a \$2.3 million error in the net deferred tax liability. The error, which occurred during various periods prior to 2005, was corrected in the second quarter of 2007 and resulted in a decrease in the net deferred tax liability and deferred tax expense. The adjustment was not material to the current period or any prior period financial statements.

(9) LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In the course of an audit of a charitable tax-exempt foundation, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") raised an issue under the special provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") governing tax-exempt private foundations as to certain interest-bearing loans from the Company to another corporation in which the tax-exempt foundation owns stock. The issue was whether such transactions constitute indirect self-dealing by the foundation, the result of which would be excise taxes on the Company by virtue of its participation in such transactions. By letter to the Company dated August 21, 2003, the IRS proposed an initial excise tax liability in the total amount approximating one million dollars as a result of such transactions. The Company disagreed with the IRS analysis. The Company contested and requested that this issue instead be referred to the IRS National Office for technical advice. The IRS audit team agreed and the matter was referred in November of 2003 to the IRS National Office. Such technical advice was subsequently issued by the IRS National Office in the form of a memorandum analyzing the issue which concluded that such loans do not constitute indirect self-dealing. This technical advice memorandum is binding on the IRS audit team.

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The Company is a defendant in three class action lawsuits. The Court has certified a class consisting of certain California policyholders age 65 and older alleging violations under California Business and Professions Code section 17200. The court has additionally certified a subclass of 36 policyholders alleging fraud against their agent, and vicariously, against NWL. Management believes that the Company has good and meritorious defenses and intends to continue to vigorously defend itself against these claims.

The Company is involved or may become involved in various other legal actions, in the normal course of business, in which claims for alleged economic and punitive damages have been or may be asserted, some for substantial amounts. Although there can be no assurances, at the present time, the Company does not anticipate that the ultimate liability arising from potential, pending, or threatened legal actions, will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or operating results of the Company.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for forward-looking statements. Certain information contained herein or in other written or oral statements made by or on behalf of National Western Life Insurance Company or its subsidiaries is or may be viewed as forward-looking. Although the Company has used appropriate care in developing any such information, forward-looking information involves risks and uncertainties that could significantly impact actual results. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, matters described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") such as exposure to market risks, anticipated cash flows or operating performance, future capital needs, and statutory or regulatory related issues. However National Western, as a matter of policy, does not make any specific projections as to future earnings, nor does it endorse any projections regarding future performance that may be made by others. Whether or not actual results differ materially from forward-looking statements may depend on numerous foreseeable and unforeseeable events or developments. Also, the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise.

OVERVIEW

Insurance Operations - Domestic

The Company is currently licensed to do business in all states except for New York. Products marketed are annuities, universal life insurance, fixed indexed annuities and indexed universal life, and traditional life insurance, which include both term and whole life products. The Company's domestic sales have historically been more heavily weighted toward annuity products, which include single and flexible premium deferred annuities, single premium immediate annuities, and fixed indexed annuities. Most of these annuities can be sold as tax qualified or nonqualified products. At September 30, 2007, the Company maintained approximately 121,300 annuity policies in force.

National Western markets and distributes its domestic products primarily through independent national marketing organizations ("NMOs"). These NMOs assist the Company in recruiting, contracting, and managing independent agents. The Company currently has approximately 5,800 independent agents contracted. Roughly 26% of these contracted agents have submitted policy applications to the Company in the past twelve months.

Insurance Operations - International

The Company's international operations focus on foreign nationals in upper socioeconomic classes. Insurance products are issued primarily to residents of countries in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. Issuing policies to residents of countries in these different regions provides diversification that helps to minimize large fluctuations that could arise due to various economic, political, and competitive pressures that may occur from one country to another. Products issued to international residents are almost entirely universal life and traditional life insurance products. However, certain annuity and investment contracts are also available. At September 30, 2007, the Company had approximately 71,000 international life insurance policies in force representing approximately \$14.2 billion in face amount of coverage.

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International applications are submitted by independent contractor consultants and broker-agents. The Company has approximately 4,900 independent international consultants and brokers currently contracted, 44% of which have submitted policy applications to the Company in the past twelve months.

There are some inherent risks of accepting international applications which are not present within the domestic market that are reduced substantially by the Company in several ways. As previously described, the Company accepts applications from foreign nationals in upper socioeconomic classes who have substantial financial resources. This targeted customer base coupled with the Company's conservative underwriting practices have historically resulted in claims experience, due to natural causes, similar to that in the United States. The Company minimizes exposure to foreign currency risks by requiring payment of premiums, claims and other benefits almost entirely in United States dollars. Finally, the Company's forty years of experience with the international products and its longstanding independent consultant and broker-agents relationships further serve to minimize risks.

SALES

Life Insurance

The following table sets forth information regarding the Company's life insurance sales activity as measured by annualized first year premiums. While the figures shown below are in accordance with industry practice and represent the amount of new business sold during the periods indicated, they are considered a non-GAAP financial measure. The Company believes sales are a measure of distribution productivity and are a leading indicator of future revenue trends. However, revenues are driven by sales in prior periods as well as in the current period and therefore, a reconciliation of sales to revenues is not meaningful or determinable.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ende 30,	d September	
	2007 2006		2007	2006	
		(In thousands)			
International:					
Universal life	\$ 2,544	1,858	6,695	5,329	
Traditional life	1,454	969	4,946	3,105	
Fixed indexed life	6,397	4,673	16,176	12,875	
	10,395	7,500	27,817	21,309	
Domestic:					
Universal life	1,826	2,074	3,158	3,231	