

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO
 Form 4
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Nelson Kitty Kennedy

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 850 E. ANDERSON LANE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/24/2013

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

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

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/24/2013 | | M | | 400 \$ 150 | 400 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/24/2013 | | F | | 285 \$ 210.86 | 115 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/24/2013 | | F | | 31 \$ 210.86 | 84 | D |
| Class A Common | 09/24/2013 | | S | | 84 \$ 210.86 | 0 | D |

Stock

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 132.56 | | | | | 12/14/2014 ⁽¹⁾ 12/14/2021 | Class A Common Stock 500 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 114.64 | | | | | 02/19/2012 ⁽¹⁾ 02/19/2019 | Class A Common Stock 500 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 255.13 | | | | | 04/18/2011 ⁽²⁾ 04/18/2018 | Class A Common Stock 500 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 150 | 09/24/2013 | | M | 400 ⁽³⁾ | 04/23/2007 ⁽²⁾ 04/23/2014 | Class A Common Stock 400 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nelson Kitty Kennedy 850 E. ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78752 | | | Sr. VP - Chief Actuary | |

Signatures

Kitty Kennedy
Nelson

09/26/2013

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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) These shares were sold by the reporting person to the registrant pursuant to the registrant's share repurchase program.

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