

OSTERGREN GREGORY V
Form 4
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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 *
OSTERGREN GREGORY V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/ [ANAT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE MOODY PLAZA
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
See Remarks

GALVESTON, TX 77550

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/28/2009		M	3,000 A	\$ 88	1,500 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	12/28/2009		D	3,000 D	\$ 119.6	1,500 ⁽¹⁾	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)

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 88	12/28/2009		M	3,000	08/01/2003 ⁽²⁾ 08/01/2012 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OSTERGREN GREGORY V ONE MOODY PLAZA GALVESTON, TX 77550			See Remarks	

Signatures

Gregory V. Ostergren, by J. Mark Flippin as Attorney-in-Fact 12/29/2009

__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) 500 of such shares are owned by the Reporting Person's spouse and, therefore, are owned indirectly by the Reporting Person.
- (2) SARs become exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the date shown.
- (3) SARs expire five years from the date they become exercisable. The date shown represents the expiration date of the final installment of SARs to become exercisable.

Remarks:

The Reporting Person is Executive Vice President, Director of Multiple Line. This Form 4 reflects a cash settlement of stock appreciation rights. The Reporting Person exercised 3000 stock appreciation rights with an exercise price of \$88.00.

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