Moody Russell S.
Form 4
December 16, 2011

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Moody Russell S.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

850 E. ANDERSON LANE

(Street)

AUSTIN, TX 78752

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO [NWLI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,850 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | | 625 | I | Trust |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | | | | 482 | I | Trust |

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 Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am or Nu of Sh |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | $ 132.56 | 12/14/2011 | | A | | 1,000 | | 12/14/2012(1) | 12/14/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 1 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | $ 114.64 | | | | | | | 02/19/2010(1) | 02/19/2019 | Class A Common Stock | 1 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options | $ 208.05 | | | | | | | 06/20/2009(2) | 06/20/2018 | Class A Common Stock | 1 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options | $ 150 | | | | | | | 06/25/2005(2) | 06/25/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 1 |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Moody Russell S.<br>850 E. ANDERSON LANE<br>AUSTIN, TX 78752 | X | | | |

# Signatures

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| Russell S. Moody | 12/16/2011 |
| **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.

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