

Moody Ross R  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Moody Ross R

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)  
05/13/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President

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

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2011		S	150 D \$ 158	0	D	
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Class A Common Stock					7,172	D	
Class A Common					625	I	Trust

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Stock

Class B

Common

Stock

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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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					Date Exercisable: 02/19/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> Expiration Date: 02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 114.64					Date Exercisable: 02/19/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> Expiration Date: 02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	5,510
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 208.05					Date Exercisable: 06/20/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> Expiration Date: 06/20/2018	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 255.13					Date Exercisable: 04/18/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> Expiration Date: 04/18/2018	Class A Common Stock	5,510
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					Date Exercisable: 06/25/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> Expiration Date: 06/25/2014	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 150					Date Exercisable: 04/23/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> Expiration Date: 04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Moody Ross R 850 E ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78752	X		President	

## Signatures

Ross R. Moody                      05/16/2011

         \*\*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) 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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