

Moody Ross R  
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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)  
05/27/2011

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount (A) or (D) Price                                                                       |                                                          |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/27/2011                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 152 D \$ 152                                                                                  | 0                                                        | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | 6,720                                                    | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | 625                                                      | I Trust                           |
| Class B Common                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | 482                                                      | I Trust                           |

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                  | \$ 114.64                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 02/19/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 02/19/2019                                                  | Class A Common Stock | 1,000                      |
| Stock Appreciation Rights                  | \$ 114.64                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 02/19/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 02/19/2019                                                  | Class A Common Stock | 5,510                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options                | \$ 208.05                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 06/20/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 06/20/2018                                                  | Class A Common Stock | 1,000                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options                | \$ 255.13                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 04/18/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 04/18/2018                                                  | Class A Common Stock | 5,510                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options                | \$ 150                                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 06/25/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 06/25/2014                                                  | Class A Common Stock | 1,000                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options                | \$ 150                                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 04/23/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 04/23/2014                                                  | Class A Common Stock | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Moody Ross R  
850 E ANDERSON LANE            X                            President  
AUSTIN, TX 78752

## Signatures

Ross R. Moody                            05/27/2011

\_\_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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