

LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W
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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 *
 LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 333 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE
 (Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60604

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 11/20/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|--------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | | | | (A) | (D) | | | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 29.15 | 11/20/2008 | D ⁽¹⁾ | | 40,000 | 05/08/2003 ⁽¹⁾ | 06/08/2010 | Common Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 29.15 | 11/20/2008 | A ⁽¹⁾ | 40,000 | | 05/08/2003 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/01/2012 | Common Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 25.55 | 11/20/2008 | D ⁽²⁾ | | 15,000 | 08/08/2003 ⁽²⁾ | 06/08/2010 | Common Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 25.55 | 11/20/2008 | A ⁽²⁾ | 15,000 | | 08/08/2003 ⁽²⁾ | 01/01/2012 | Common Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 24.69 | 11/20/2008 | D ⁽³⁾ | | 55,000 | 05/07/2004 ⁽³⁾ | 06/08/2010 | Common Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 24.69 | 11/20/2008 | A ⁽³⁾ | 55,000 | | 05/07/2004 ⁽³⁾ | 01/01/2012 | Common Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 26.27 | 11/20/2008 | D ⁽⁴⁾ | | 55,000 | 04/28/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ | 06/08/2010 | Common Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 26.27 | 11/20/2008 | A ⁽⁴⁾ | 55,000 | | 04/28/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ | 01/01/2012 | Common Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W 333 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60604 | X | | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

Stephen W. Lilienthal 11/20/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on May 8, 2002 and provided for vesting in quarterly annual installments commencing on May 8, 2003. Pursuant to Mr. Lilienthal's Employment Agreement, the expiration date of the original option would have been one year following his departure from the Company.

(2) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on August 8, 2002 and provided for vesting in quarterly annual installments commencing on August 8, 2003. Pursuant to Mr. Lilienthal's Employment Agreement, the expiration date of the original option would have been one year following his departure from the Company.

(3) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on May 7, 2003 and provided for vesting in quarterly annual installments commencing on May 7, 2004. Pursuant to Mr. Lilienthal's Employment Agreement, the expiration date of the original option would have been one year following his departure from the Company.

(4) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on April 28, 2004 and provided for vesting in quarterly annual installments commencing on April 28, 2005. Pursuant to Mr. Lilienthal's Employment Agreement, the expiration date of the original option would have been one year following his departure from the Company.

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