

Scheuer Patricia L  
 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 \*  
 Scheuer Patricia L

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)  
 12/14/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr VP - Chief Investment Officer

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 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)  | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                           | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date | Title                      | Am<br>or<br>Nur<br>of<br>Sha |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-------|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Rights      | \$ 132.56                          | 12/14/2011       |            |   | A    |   | 1,000 |     | 12/14/2014 <sup>(1)</sup> | 12/14/2021         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 1,000                        |
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Rights      | \$ 114.64                          |                  |            |   |      |   |       |     | 02/19/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> | 02/19/2019         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 1,000                        |
| Non<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Options | \$ 255.13                          |                  |            |   |      |   |       |     | 04/18/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> | 04/18/2018         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 1,000                        |
| Non<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Options | \$ 150                             |                  |            |   |      |   |       |     | 04/23/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> | 04/23/2014         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 1,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| Scheuer Patricia L<br>850 E ANDERSON LANE<br>AUSTIN, TX 78752 |               |           | Sr VP - Chief Investment Officer |       |

## Signatures

Patricia L  
Scheuer

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.
  - (3) The options are exercisable as they vest. The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.
- Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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