

DENAHAN WELLINGTON  
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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 \*  
 DENAHAN WELLINGTON

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ANNALY CAPITAL  
 MANAGEMENT INC [NLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/23/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Vice Chairman of Board & CIO

C/O: ANNALY CAPITAL  
 MANAGEMENT, INC., 1211  
 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS,  
 SUITE 2902

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	04/23/2012		M		100,000	A	\$ 13.25
					913,263	D	

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 17.97					08/04/2004 08/04/2013	Common Stock 150,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 17.39					04/19/2005 04/19/2014	Common Stock 150,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 17.07					07/07/2006 07/07/2015	Common Stock 150,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 15.7					05/17/2008 05/17/2017	Common Stock 150,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 16.46					05/08/2009 05/08/2018	Common Stock 200,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 15.61					09/19/2009 09/19/2018	Common Stock 200,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13.25	04/23/2012		M	100,000	04/22/2010 04/22/2019	Common Stock 100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other  
X

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C/O: ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.  
1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902  
NEW YORK, NY 10036

Vice  
Chairman of  
Board & CIO

## Signatures

/s/ Wellington  
Denahan-Norris

04/24/2012

\_\_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) Options previously granted.

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