

Nelson Kitty Kennedy  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Nelson Kitty Kennedy		(Month/Day/Year)	NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO	
(Last)	(First)	01/25/2013	[NWLI]	
850 E. ANDERSON LANE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)				
AUSTIN,Â TXÂ 78752			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	____ Director	____ 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	____ Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			Sr. VP - Chief Actuary	____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	0	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Appreciation Rights	12/14/2014 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/14/2021	Class A Common Stock	500	\$ 132.56	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	02/19/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	500	\$ 114.64	D	Â
Non Qualified Stock Options	04/18/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/18/2018	Class A Common Stock	500	\$ 255.13	D	Â
Non Qualified Stock Options	04/23/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	400	\$ 150	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelson Kitty Kennedy 850 E. ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78752	Â	Â	Â Sr. VP - Chief Actuary	Â

## Signatures

Kitty Kennedy  
Nelson

01/25/2013

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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