

National Western Life Group, Inc.

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Johnson S. Christopher

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 National Western Life Group, Inc.
 [NWLIC]

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)
 02/17/2016

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 ____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 NWLIC Sr VP - CMO

AUSTIN, TX 78752

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 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	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 Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 216.48	02/17/2016	A		244		02/17/2017 ⁽¹⁾	02/17/2026	Class A Common Stock	244		
Restricted Stock Units	⁽²⁾	02/17/2016	A		61		02/17/2019 ⁽³⁾	⁽²⁾	Class A Common Stock	61		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson S. Christopher 850 E. ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78752			NWLIC Sr VP - CMO	

Signatures

S. Christopher
Johnson 02/19/2016

 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 three equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive the cash value of one share of NWLI Class A common stock on the Date Exercisable.
- (3) The restricted stock units have a three year cliff vesting schedule that begins on the grant date. The restricted stock units will vest 100% on the third anniversary from the grant date.

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