

Gonzales Arthur J
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
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 *

Â Gonzales Arthur J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3250 INTERSTATE DR.

(Street)

RICHFIELD,Â OHÂ 44286

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/17/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
National Interstate CORP [NATL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
VP, Sec'y and General Counsel

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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☐ 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)

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)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title Amount or Number of Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect (I)
(Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2010	02/17/2019	Common Shares (\$0.01 par value)	40,000	\$ 22.95	D	Â
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gonzales Arthur J 3250 INTERSTATE DR. RICHFIELD, OH 44286	Â	Â	Â VP, Sec'y and General Counsel	Â

Signatures

/s/ Arthur J.
Gonzales

02/25/2009

__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) These options vest 20% per year each January 1 for five years.

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