

National Interstate CORP
Form 8-K
March 02, 2011

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K**

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

February 26, 2011

**NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Ohio
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)**

**000-51130
(Commission File Number)**

**34-1607394
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)**

**3250 Interstate Drive
Richfield, Ohio 44286-9000
(Address of principal executive offices including Zip Code)
(330) 659-8900**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))**
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ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

On February 26, 2011, the Board of Directors (the Board) of National Interstate Corporation (the Company) approved a dividend of \$0.09 per common share, payable on March 18, 2011 to shareholders of record of the Company s common shares as of the close of business on March 9, 2011.

As stated in the Company s dividend policy in the 2009 Annual Report on Form 10K, the declaration and payment of dividends remains subject to the discretion of the Board, and will depend on, among other things, the Company s financial condition, results of operations, capital and cash requirements, future prospects, regulatory and contractual restrictions on the payment of dividends by insurance company subsidiaries and other factors deemed relevant by the Board. The Board stated its intention to review the Company s dividend policy at least annually during its first quarter meeting.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of National Interstate Corporation dated March 1, 2011 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

National Interstate Corporation

By: /s/ Julie A. McGraw
Julie A. McGraw
Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

Date: March 2, 2011