

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 or (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 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 17.97 | | | | | 08/04/2004 08/04/2013 | Common Stock 150,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 17.39 | | | | | 04/19/2005 04/19/2014 | Common Stock 150,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 17.07 | | | | | 07/07/2006 07/07/2015 | Common Stock 150,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 15.7 | | | | | 05/17/2008 05/17/2017 | Common Stock 150,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 16.46 | | | | | 05/08/2009 05/08/2018 | Common Stock 200,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 15.61 | | | | | 09/19/2009 09/19/2018 | Common Stock 200,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 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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