

PONDER RONALD J
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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 *
 PONDER RONALD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE
 (Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/18/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Price		
Common Stock	11/18/2005		M		13,333 A \$ 63.36	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2005		M		26,454 A \$ 41.03	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2005		M		39,270 A \$ 27.55	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2005		M		30,126 A \$ 33.98	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2005		M		2,940 A \$ 33.98	D	

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Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	400	D	\$ 77.04	167,036	D
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	500	D	\$ 77.03	166,536	D
Common Stock	11/18/2005	S	111,223	D	\$ 77	55,313	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 63.36	11/18/2005		M	13,333	10/04/2005 04/04/2015	Common Stock	13,333	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.03	11/18/2005		M	26,454	07/26/2004 01/25/2014	Common Stock	26,454	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 27.55	11/18/2005		M	39,270	08/05/2003 02/04/2013	Common Stock	39,270	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.98	11/18/2005		M	30,126	12/24/2002 06/23/2012	Common Stock	30,126	
Employee Stock	\$ 33.98	11/18/2005		M	2,940	12/24/2002 06/23/2012	Common Stock	2,940	

Option
(Right to
Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PONDER RONALD J 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204			EVP	

Signatures

Nancy L. Purcell,
Attorney-in-fact

11/22/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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