

Sassi Brian A
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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 *
 Sassi Brian A

(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)
 03/02/2009

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)
 President & CEO Cons, EVP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 594 | D | \$ 30.1 |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | A | | 27,686 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,778 ⁽³⁾ | I | |

Stock units held in 401(k) plan

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 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 30.1 | 03/02/2009 | | A | 115,357 | <u>(4)</u> 03/02/2016 | Common Stock 115,357 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sassi Brian A 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204 | | | President & CEO Cons, EVP | |

Signatures

Kathleen S. Kiefer,
Attorney-in-fact
03/04/2009

**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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- (1) Payment of tax liability by withholding stock incident to the vesting of previously granted restricted stock.
- (2) Represents restricted share units. Restrictions lapse on 9,228 shares on 3/2/10, and 9,229 shares each on 3/2/11 and 3/2/12.
- (3) The information in this report is based on the plan trustees calculation of units held, as of January 30, 2009.
- (4) Exercisable in five installments of 19,226 each on 9/2/09, 3/2/10, 9/2/10, 3/2/11 and 9/2/11, and one installment of 19,227 on 3/2/12.

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