

DENAHAN WELLINGTON
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FORM 4

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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 (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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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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