

HERMAN JOAN E
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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 *
HERMAN JOAN E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2005

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

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/26/2005		M	3,533 A \$ 0	28,533	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2005		F	834 D \$ 118.55	27,699	D	
Common Stock					46,339	I	The Herman-Rasiej Family Trust Account

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Deferred Comp Stock Units	\$ 0	01/26/2005		M	3,533	(1) (1)	Common Stock	3,533

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERMAN JOAN E 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204			EVP	

Signatures

Nancy Purcell,
Attorney-in-fact

01/28/2005

**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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Deferred share right grant made in the Company's Comprehensive Executive Non-qualified Retirement Plan and awarded pursuant to the (1) Company's 1999 Stock Incentive Plan. The deferred shares will vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 26, 2005, January 26, 2006 and January 26, 2007.

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