

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO  
Form 8-K  
August 22, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) August 22, 2005

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

COLORADO  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

84-0467208  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2-17039  
(Commission File Number)

850 EAST ANDERSON LANE, AUSTIN, TEXAS  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

78752-1602  
(Zip code)

(512) 836-1010  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01

. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Effective July 1, 2005, National Western Life Insurance Company ("Company") established the Non-Qualified Defined Benefit Plan for Robert L. Moody ("Plan"), Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. This Plan was established by the Company to provide an additional benefit for Mr. Moody related to the retirement benefits otherwise provided by the Company.

The Plan is subject to section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and is intended to provide for post-2004 benefit accruals that mirror the pre-2005 benefit accruals under a previous nonqualified plan ("Grandfathered Plan") which was frozen due to law changes under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 ("Act"). Mr. Moody's benefit under the Grandfathered Plan was frozen effective as of December 31, 2004. The Plan established July 1, 2005, is separate from the Grandfathered Plan and complies with the requirements of the Act. Effective July 1, 2005, Mr. Moody's defined benefit retirement amounts will be paid from three Company plans: the qualified pension plan, the Grandfathered Plan (for benefits accrued from January 1, 1991 through December 31, 2004) and the Plan (for benefits accrued after December 31, 2004).

On August 19, 2005 this Plan was amended by action of the Company's Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2005 to guarantee benefits as stated in the Plan for twenty-one years after Mr. Moody's retirement date and shall continue for the life of Mr. Moody if he lives beyond such guaranteed period.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

( c ) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
10(ba)	First Amendment to the National Western Life Insurance Company Non-Qualified Defined Benefit Plan for Robert L. Moody.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY

Date: August 22, 2005

By: /S/Brian M. Pribyl

Name: Brian M. Pribyl

Title: Senior Vice President

Chief Financial & Administrative Officer  
and Treasurer

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