

Singh R Nicholas
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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 *
 Singh R Nicholas

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC [NLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Legal Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/16/2010

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10036

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/16/2010		M	7,500 A	\$ 13.25 80,400	D	
Common Stock					7,415	I	By 401(k) Plan
Class A Preferred Stock					1,150	I	By 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 (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 or Number of Shares
Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 17.07					07/07/2006	07/07/2015	Common Stock	30,000
Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 15.7					05/17/2008	05/17/2017	Common Stock	40,000
Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 16.46					05/08/2009	05/08/2018	Common Stock	53,000
Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 15.61					09/19/2009	09/19/2018	Common Stock	53,000
Option to purchase Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 13.25	12/16/2010		M	7,500	04/22/2010	04/22/2019	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Singh R Nicholas C/O ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.			Chief Legal	

1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902
NEW YORK, NY 10036

Officer

Signatures

/s/ R. Nicholas
Singh

12/16/2010

**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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