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FORM 10-Q

b QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2009

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from ______ to _____

Commission File Number: 2-17039

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO (State of Incorporation) 84-0467208 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

850 EAST ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TEXAS 78752-1602 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(512) 836-1010 (Telephone Number)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days: Yes b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated file" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer b Non-accelerated filer o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No b

As of August 5, 2009, the number of shares of Registrant's common stock outstanding was: Class A - 3,425,966 and Class B - 200,000.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands)

	(Unaudited)			
ASSETS		June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008	
ASSETS		2009	2008	
Investments:				
Securities held to maturity, at amortized cost				
(fair value: \$4,015,880 and \$3,727,353)	\$	3,986,365	3,831,417	
Securities available for sale, at fair value				
(cost: \$1,897,918 and \$1,904,053)		1,855,738	1,745,266	
Mortgage loans, net of allowance for possible losses				
(\$3,577 and \$4,587)		93,016	90,733	
Policy loans		77,928	79,277	
Derivatives, index options		27,018	11,920	
Other long-term investments		29,651	14,168	
Total investments		6,069,716	5,772,781	
Cash and short-term investments		54,850	67,796	
Deferred policy acquisition costs		658,921	701,984	
Deferred sales inducements		121,202	120,955	
Accrued investment income		67,200	64,872	
Federal income tax receivable		-	1,820	
Other assets		64,862	56,272	
	\$	7,036,751	6,786,480	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands, except share amounts)

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	(Unaudited) June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Future policy benefits:		
Traditional life and annuity contracts	\$ 136,470	137,530
Universal life and annuity contracts	5,567,547	5,424,968
Other policyholder liabilities	134,875	131,963
Federal income tax liability:		, ,
Current	8,131	-
Deferred	45,365	26,506
Other liabilities	81,214	79,300
Total liabilities	5,973,602	5,800,267
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Notes 5 and 8) STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Common stock:		
Class A - \$1 par value; 7,500,000 shares authorized; 3,425,966		
and 3,425,454 issued and outstanding in 2009 and 2008	3,426	3,426
Class B - \$1 par value; 200,000 shares authorized, issued,		
and outstanding in 2009 and 2008	200	200
Additional paid-in capital	36,680	36,680
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(22,799)	(65,358)
Retained earnings	1,045,642	1,011,265
Total stockholders' equity	1,063,149	986,213
	\$ 7,036,751	6,786,480

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

		2009	2008
Premiums and other revenue:			
Traditional life and annuity premiums	\$	4,389	4,624
Universal life and annuity contract charges	-	38,862	33,593
Net investment income		93,743	72,278
Other revenues		3,507	3,153
Net realized investment gains (losses):		,	,
Total other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") losses		(1,849)	(1,425)
Portion of OTTI losses recognized in other comprehensive income		1,823	-
Net OTTI losses recognized in earnings		(26)	(1,425)
Other net investment gains		192	1,158
Total net realized investment gains (losses)		166	(267)
Total revenues		140,667	113,381
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Benefits and expenses:			
Life and other policy benefits		10,248	7,655
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and		,	,
deferred sales inducements		28,549	30,263
Universal life and annuity contract interest		57,651	33,555
Other operating expenses		16,631	14,627
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Total benefits and expenses		113,079	86,100
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Earnings before Federal income taxes		27,588	27,281
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Provision (benefit) for Federal income taxes:			
Current		15,141	7,928
Deferred		(6,395)	1,211
			,
Total Federal income taxes		8,746	9,139
			,
Net earnings	\$	18,842	18,142
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Basic Earnings Per Share:			
Class A	\$	5.34	5.15
Class B	\$	2.67	2.57
Diluted Earnings Per Share:			
Class A	\$	5.34	5.10

Class B	\$ 2.67	2.57
See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.		
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NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

		2009	2008
Premiums and other revenues:			
Traditional life and annuity premiums	\$	8,520	8,518
Universal life and annuity contract charges	Ŧ	77,433	65,811
Net investment income		164,349	131,708
Other revenues		7,101	6,292
Net realized investment gains (losses):			
Total other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") losses		(7,130)	(1,450)
Portion of OTTI losses recognized in other comprehensive income		1,823	-
Net OTTI losses recognized in earnings		(5,307)	(1,450)
Other net investment gains		128	1,139
Total net realized investment losses		(5,179)	(311)
Total revenues		252,224	212,018
Benefits and expenses:			
Life and other policy benefits		23,276	18,111
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs and			
deferred sales inducements		56,497	56,511
Universal life and annuity contract interest		92,917	60,172
Other operating expenses		29,344	28,057
Total benefits and expenses		202,034	162,851
Earnings before Federal income taxes		50,190	49,167
Provision (benefit) for Federal income taxes:			
Current		21,005	11,819
Deferred		(4,685)	4,760
Total Federal income taxes		16,320	16,579
Net earnings	\$	33,870	32,588
Basic Earnings Per Share:			
Class A	\$	9.61	9.25
Class B	\$	4.80	4.62
Diluted Earnings Per Share:			
Class A	\$	9.60	9.18

Class B	\$ 4.80	4.62
See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.		

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited) (In thousands)

(In thousands)

	2009	2008
Net earnings	\$ 18,842	18,142
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of effects of deferred costs and taxes:		
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities: Net unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during period Reclassification adjustment for net amounts	31,868	(15,503)
included in net earnings Amortization of net unrealized gains related to	171	(574)
transferred securities	(12)	(30)
Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities	32,027	(16,107)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(93)	39
Benefit plans:		
Amortization of net prior service cost and net gain	411	375
Other comprehensive income (loss)	32,345	(15,693)
Comprehensive income	\$ 51,187	2,449

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	2009		2008
Net earnings	\$	33,870	32,588
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of effects of			
deferred costs and taxes:			
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities:			
Net unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during			
period		39,513	(15,095)
Reclassification adjustment for net amounts			
included in net earnings		2,872	(610)
Amortization of net unrealized gains related to			
transferred securities		(44)	(14)
Net unrelaized gains (losses) on securities		42,341	(15,719)
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(98)	(142)
Benefit plans:			
Amortization of net prior service cost and net gain		823	684
Other comprehensive income (loss)		43,066	(15,177)
Comprehensive income	\$	76,936	17,411

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited) (In thousands)

2009 2008 Common stock: 3.622 Balance at beginning of period \$ 3.626 Shares exercised under stock option plan 4 Balance at end of period 3.626 3,626 Additional paid-in capital: Balance at beginning of period 36,680 36,236 444 Shares exercised under the stock option plan 36,680 Balance at end of period 36,680 Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss): Unrealized gains (losses) on non-impaired securities: Balance at beginning of period 1,184 (53,770)Change in unrealized gains (losses) during period 42,902 (15,719)Balance at end of period (10,868)(14,535)Unrealized losses on impaired held to maturity securities: Balance at beginning of period Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle (See Note 3) (507)Amortization 15 Balance at end of period (492)Unrealized losses on impaired available for sale securities: Balance at beginning of period Other-than-temporary impairments (576)Balance at end of period (576)Foreign currency translation adjustments: Balance at beginning of period 2.966 3.078 Change in translation adjustments during period (98)(142)Balance at end of period 2,868 2,936 Benefit plan liability adjustment: Balance at beginning of period (14,554)(11, 327)

Amortization of net prior service cost and net gain	823	684		
Balance at end of period	(13,731)	(10,643)		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss at end of period	(22,799)	(22,242)		
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NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY, CONTINUED For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited) (In thousands)

Retained earnings: 978,892 Balance at beginning of period 1,011,265 Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax (See Note 3) 507 -Net earnings 32,588 33,870 Balance at end of period 1,045,642 1,011,480 Total stockholders' equity \$ 1,063,149 1,029,544

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

		2009	2008
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net earnings	\$	33,870	32,588
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash	Ψ	00,070	02,000
from operating activities:			
Universal life and annuity contract interest		105,066	69,219
Surrender charges and other policy revenues		(30,471)	(19,667)
Realized losses on investments		5,179	311
Accrual and amortization of investment income		(2,833)	(2,487)
Depreciation and amortization		1,344	495
(Increase) decrease in value of derivatives		(18,344)	21,289
Increase in deferred policy acquisition and			
sales inducement costs		(9,210)	(5,741)
(Increase) decrease in accrued investment income		(2,328)	172
Increase in other assets		(11,822)	(5,273)
Decrease in liabilities for future policy benefits		(1,060)	(601)
Increase in other policyholder liabilities		2,912	3,421
Increase in Federal income tax liability		5,266	8,401
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities		13,642	(4,115)
Other		1,250	359
Net cash provided by operating activities		92,461	98,371
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from sales of:			
Securities held to maturity		-	-
Securities available for sale		14,770	999
Other investments		671	443
Proceeds from maturities and redemptions of:			
Securities held to maturity		530,236	355,100
Securities available for sale		64,563	140,458
Derivatives, index options		24,405	22,143
Purchases of:			
Securities held to maturity		(668,004)	(379,575)
Securities available for sale		(101,172)	(167,134)
Other investments		(37,603)	(26,292)
Principal payments on mortgage loans		3,921	10,200
Cost of mortgage loans acquired		(6,049)	(1,962)
Decrease in policy loans		1,349	1,895
Other		-	(3,899)

Net cash used in investing activities

(172,913) (47,624)

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NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS, CONTINUED For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	2009	2008
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Deposits to account balances for universal life		
and annuity contracts	\$ 363,145	238,296
Return of account balances on universal life		
and annuity contracts	(295,546)	(300,961)
Issuance of common stock under stock option plan	-	448
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	67,599	(62,217)
Effect of foreign exchange	(93)	(351)
Net decrease in cash and short-term investments	(12,946)	(11,821)
Cash and short-term investments at beginning of period	67,796	45,206
Cash and short-term investments at end of period	\$ 54,850	33,385
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 20	20
Income taxes	10,748	8,178
Noncash operating activities:		
Net change in deferral of sales inducements	10,124	9,047

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

(1) CONSOLIDATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for annual financial statements. In the opinion of management, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position of National Western Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries ("Company") as of June 30, 2009, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008. The results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. It is recommended that these condensed consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 accessible free of charge through the Company's internet site at www.sec. gov. The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2008, has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements in the prior year condensed consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of National Western Life Insurance Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries: The Westcap Corporation, NWL Investments, Inc., NWL Services, Inc., NWL Financial, Inc., and Regent Care San Marcos Holdings, LLC. All significant intercorporate transactions and accounts have been eliminated in consolidation.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include (1) liabilities for future policy benefits, (2) valuation of derivative instruments, (3) recoverability and amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs, (4) valuation allowances for deferred tax assets, (5) other-than-temporary impairment losses on debt securities, and (6) valuation allowances for mortgage loans and real estate.

(2) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements. The Company adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2008 and the adoption did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. See related disclosures in Note 10 to Consolidated Financial Statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. This Statement permits entities to choose upon adoption or at specified election dates, to measure at fair value many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The Company adopted SFAS 159 effective

January 1, 2008, with no impact to the Company's consolidated financial statements as no eligible financial assets or liabilities were elected to be measured at fair value upon initial adoption. Management will continue to evaluate eligible financial assets and liabilities on their election dates, and will disclose any future elections in accordance with provisions outlined in the Statement.

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NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements. SFAS No. 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards for entities that have equity investments that are not attributable directly to the parent, called noncontrolling interests or minority interests. Specifically, SFAS No. 160 states where and how to report noncontrolling interests in the consolidated statements of financial position and operations, how to account for changes in noncontrolling interests and provides disclosure requirements. The provisions of SFAS No. 160 were effective beginning January 1, 2009. The adoption of SFAS No. 160 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations. SFAS No. 141(R) establishes how an entity accounts for the identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interests acquired, how to account for goodwill acquired and determines what disclosures are required as part of a business combination. SFAS No. 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The adoption of this statement did not have any impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") FAS 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157. This FSP delays the effective date of SFAS No. 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis, to fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The adoption of FSP FAS 157-2 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

On April 9, 2009 the FASB issued FSP FAS 157-4, Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly. This FSP provides additional guidance for estimating fair value in accordance with SFAS No. 157, when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased. This FSP also includes guidance on identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly. This FSP emphasizes that even if there has been a significant decrease in the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability and regardless of the valuation technique(s) used, the objective of a fair value measurement remains the same. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction (that is, not a forced liquidation or distressed sale) between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions. This FSP is effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. As discussed in Note 10, the adoption of FSP FAS 157-4 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities—an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133. This statement requires enhanced disclosures regarding an entity's derivative and hedging activity to enable investors to better understand the effects on an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. The Company adopted SFAS No. 161 as of January 1, 2009. See Note 11 for disclosures regarding derivative instruments and hedging activities.

In September 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4, Disclosures about Credit Derivatives and Certain Guarantees: An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 and FASB Interpretation No. 45; and Clarification of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 161. This FSP amends SFAS No. 133 Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, to require disclosures by entities that assume credit risk through the sale of credit derivatives embedded in a hybrid instrument to enable users of financial statements to

assess the potential effect on its financial position, financial performance, and cash flows from these credit derivatives. This FSP also amends FASB Interpretation No. 45, Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others, to require additional disclosure about the current status of the payment/performance risk of a guarantee. The Company adopted FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4 effective January 1, 2009. The adoption did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

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NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 132(R)-1, Employers' Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets. This FSP requires that information about plan assets be disclosed, on an annual basis, based on the fair value disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 157. The Company would be required to separate plan assets into the three fair value hierarchy levels and provide a rollforward of the changes in fair value of plan assets classified as Level 3. The disclosures about plan assets required by this FSP are effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2009, but will have no effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

In January 2009, the FASB issued FSP EITF 99-20-1, Amendments to the Impairment Guidance of EITF Issue No. 99-20. The FSP amends EITF 99-20's impairment model to be more consistent with SFAS No. 115 Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities, removing its exclusive reliance on "market participant" estimate of future cash flows used in determining fair value. Changing the cash flows used to analyze other-than-temporary impairment from the "market participant" view to a holder's estimate of whether there has been a "probable" adverse change in estimated cash flows allows management to apply reasonable judgment in assessing whether an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred. The FSP was effective for the Company as of December 31, 2008. The adoption of this FSP did not have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

On April 9, 2009 the FASB issued FSP FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1, Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments. This FSP amends FASB Statement No. 107, Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments, to require disclosures about fair value of financial instruments for interim reporting periods of publicly traded companies as well as in annual financial statements. This FSP also amends APB Opinion No. 28, Interim Financial Reporting, to require those disclosures in summarized financial information at interim reporting periods. This FSP was effective for the Company as of June 30, 2009. The adoption of this FSP did not have a significant impact on the consolidated financial position or results of operations. See Note 10 for the additional disclosures required by this FSP.

On April 9, 2009 the FASB issued FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments. This FSP amends the other-than-temporary impairment guidance for debt securities to make the guidance more operational and to improve the presentation and disclosure of other-than-temporary impairments on debt and equity securities in the financial statements. This FSP does not amend existing recognition and measurement guidance related to other-than-temporary impairments of equity securities. This FSP was effective for the Company as of June 30, 2009. The impact of the adoption of this FSP is discussed in Note 3, Stockholders Equity.

On May 28, 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 165, Subsequent Events. This statement is intended to establish general standards of accounting for the disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date, but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. This statement was effective for the Company as of June 30, 2009. The adoption of this statement did not have a significant impact on the consolidated financial position or results of operations. See Note 12 for the additional disclosure required by this FSP.

On June 12, 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 166, Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets and SFAS No. 167 Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R), which changes the way entities account for securitizations and special purpose entities. Both statements are effective as of the beginning of the Company's first annual reporting period beginning after November 15, 2009. The adoption of these statements should not have a significant impact on the consolidated financial position, results of operations and disclosures.

Other recent accounting pronouncements issued by the FASB (including its Emerging Issues Task Force), the AICPA, and the SEC did not, or are not believed by management to, have a material impact on the Company's present or future consolidated financial statements.

(3) STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

The Company is restricted by state insurance laws as to dividend amounts which may be paid to stockholders without prior approval from the Colorado Division of Insurance. The Company paid no cash dividends on common stock during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008.

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Change in Accounting Principles

With the adoption of the new FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, the Company reviewed all previously-recorded other-than-temporary impairments of securities and estimated the credit versus the non-credit component consistent with the methodology used in the current period to analyze and bifurcate impairments into credit and non-credit components. As a result, the Company determined that \$0.8 million in previously recorded other-than-temporary impairments had been due to non-credit impairments.

For each security, the Company developed its best estimate of the net present value of the cash flows expected to be received. The credit component of the impairment for these securities was determined to be the difference between the amortized cost of the security and the projected net cash flows. The non-credit component was determined to be the difference between projected net cash flows and fair value. It also determined whether it had the intent to sell the security, or if it was more likely than not that it will be required to sell the security, prior to the recovery of the non-credit component.

With the implementation of this FSP, the Company recorded a net of tax opening balance adjustment that increased retained earnings in the amount of \$0.5 million and increased accumulated other comprehensive loss in the amount of \$0.5 million. See Note 9 for further discussion of the adoption of the new FSP.

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(4) EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share of common stock are computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average basic common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share assumes the issuance of common shares applicable to stock options in the denominator.

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 2008				
	Cl	ass A	Class B	Class A	Class B
	C1			ber share amount	
			I I I		
Numerator for Basic and					
Diluted Earnings Per Share:					
Net income	\$	18,842		18,142	
Dividends – Class A shares		-		-	
Dividends – Class B shares		-		-	
Undistributed income	\$	18,842		18,142	
Allocation of net income:					
	\$	-	-	-	-
Allocation of undistributed income		18,307	535	17,627	515
Net income	\$	18,307	535	17,627	515
Denominator:					
Basic earnings per share -					
weighted-average shares		3,426	200	3,426	200
Effect of dilutive					
stock options		4	-	27	-
Diluted earnings per share -					
adjusted weighted-average					
shares for assumed		2 420	200	2 452	200
conversions		3,430	200	3,453	200
Desis Formings Den Share	¢	5.24	2.67	5 15	2.57
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$	5.34	2.67	5.15	2.57
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	5.34	2.67	5.10	2.57

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(5) PENSION AND OTHER POSTRETIREMENT PLANS

(A) Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Company sponsors a qualified defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all employees. The plan provides benefits based on the participants' years of service and compensation. The Company makes annual contributions to the plan that comply with the minimum funding provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). On October 19, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors approved an amendment to freeze the Pension Plan as of December 31, 2007. The freeze ceased future benefit accruals to all participants and closed the Plan to any new participants. In addition, all participants became immediately 100% vested in their accrued benefits as of that date. Going forward future pension expense is projected to be minimal. Fair values of plan assets and liabilities are measured as of the prior December 31 for each respective year. The following summarizes the components of net periodic benefit cost.

	T	hree Months E	nded June		
		30,			ded June 30,
		2009	2008	2009	2008
			(In thou	sands)	
Service cost	\$	-	(180)	-	-
Interest cost		262	246	524	518
Expected return on plan assets		(223)	(295)	(445)	(570)
Amortization of prior service cost		1	1	2	2
Amortization of net loss		149	42	297	122
Net periodic benefit cost	\$	189	(186)	378	72

The Company expects to contribute \$1.8 million to the plan in 2009. As of June 30, 2009, the Company has contributed \$0.1 million to the plan.

The Company also sponsors a non-qualified defined benefit plan primarily for senior officers. The plan provides benefits based on the participants' years of service and compensation. The pension obligations and administrative responsibilities of the plan are maintained by a pension administration firm, which is a subsidiary of American National Insurance Company ("ANICO"). ANICO has guaranteed the payment of pension obligations under the plan. However, the Company has a contingent liability with respect to the pension plan should these entities be unable to meet their obligations under the existing agreements. Also, the Company has a contingent liability with respect to the plan in the event that a plan participant continues employment with the Company beyond age seventy, the aggregate average annual participant salary increases exceed 10% per year, or any additional employees become eligible to participate in the plan. If any of these conditions are met, the Company would be responsible for any additional pension obligations resulting from these items. Amendments were made to the plan to allow an additional employee to participate and to change the benefit formula for the Chairman of the Company. As previously mentioned, these additional obligations are a liability to the Company. Effective December 31, 2004, this plan was frozen with respect to the continued accrual of benefits of the Chairman and the President of the Company in order to comply with law changes under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 ("Act").

Effective July 1, 2005, the Company established a second non-qualified defined benefit plan for the benefit of the Chairman of the Company. This plan is intended to provide for post-2004 benefit accruals that mirror and supplement the pre-2005 benefit accruals under the previously discussed non-qualified plan, while complying with the requirements of the Act.

Effective November 1, 2005, the Company established a third non-qualified defined benefit plan for the benefit of the President of the Company. This plan is intended to provide for post-2004 benefit accruals that supplement the pre-2005 benefit accruals under the first non-qualified plan as previously discussed, while complying with the requirements of the Act.

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The following summarizes the components of net periodic benefit costs for these non-qualified plans.

	Thre	ee Months E	nded June		
	30, Six Months Ended				
	2	.009	2008	2009	2008
			(In thous	sands)	
Service cost	\$	37	100	74	293
Interest cost		309	354	617	595
Amortization of prior service cost		260	260	520	520
Amortization of net loss		198	252	396	353
Net periodic benefit cost	\$	804	966	1,607	1,761

The Company expects to contribute \$2.0 million to these plans in 2009. As of June 30, 2009, the Company has contributed \$0.7 million to the plans.

(B) Defined Benefit Postretirement Plans

The Company sponsors two healthcare plans to provide postretirement benefits to certain fully-vested individuals. The following summarizes the components of net periodic benefit costs.

	Thre	e Months H	Ended June			
		30,		Six Months Ended June 30,		
	20	009	2008	2009	2008	
			(In thou	sands)		
Interest cost	\$	33	32	65	67	
Amortization of prior service cost		26	26	52	52	
Amortization of net loss (gain)		-	(4)	-	3	
Net periodic benefit cost	\$	59	54	117	122	

As previously disclosed in its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company expects to contribute minimal amounts to the plan in 2009.

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(6) SEGMENT AND OTHER OPERATING INFORMATION

Under SFAS No. 131, Disclosures About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, the Company defines its reportable operating segments as domestic life insurance, international life insurance, and annuities. These segments are organized based on product types and geographic marketing areas. A summary of segment information as of and for the periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 is provided below.

Selected Segment Information:

	Domestic Life Insurance		International Life Insurance	Annuities (In thousands)	All Others	Totals
June 30, 2009:						
Selected Balance Sheet Items:						
Deferred policy acquisition						
costs and sales inducements	\$	61,850	209,021	509,252	-	780,123
Total segment assets		393,864	1,000,007	5,448,684	146,332	6,988,887
Future policy benefits		319,259	608,331	4,776,427	-	5,704,017
Other policyholder liabilities		11,748	24,726	98,401	-	134,875
Three Months Ended						
June 30, 2009:						
Condensed Income Statements:						
Premiums and contract						
revenues	\$	9,418	26,585	7,248	-	43,251
Net investment income		4,962	9,822	75,096	3,863	93,743
Other income		6	12	78	3,411	3,507
Total revenues		14,386	36,419	82,422	7,274	140,501
Life and other policy benefits		4,334	4,374	1,540	-	10,248
Amortization of deferred						
policy acquisition costs		1,979	11,600	14,970	-	28,549
Universal life and annuity						
contract interest		2,226	10,480	44,945	-	57,651
Other operating expenses		3,649	5,174	4,540	3,268	16,631
Federal income taxes		686	1,553	5,164	1,285	8,688
Total expenses		12,874	33,181	71,159	4,553	121,767
Segment earnings	\$	1,512	3,238	11,263	2,721	18,734

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	Domestic Life Insurance		International Life Insurance	Annuities (In thousands)	All Others	Totals
Six Months Ended June 30, 2009: Condensed Income Statements: Premiums and contract						
revenues	\$	18,957	52,834	14,162	-	85,953
Net investment income		10,060	13,880	135,117	5,292	164,349
Other income		20	39	213	6,829	7,101
Total revenues		29,037	66,753	149,492	12,121	257,403
Life and other policy benefits		8,155	12,098	3,023	-	23,276
Amortization of deferred						
policy acquisition costs		4,334	24,762	27,401	-	56,497
Universal life and annuity						
contract interest		4,498	14,200	74,219	-	92,917
Other operating expenses		6,379	8,680	7,734	6,551	29,344
Federal income taxes		1,859	2,299	12,152	1,823	18,133
Total expenses		25,225	62,039	124,529	8,374	220,167
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Segment earnings	\$	3,812	4,714	24,963	3,747	37,236

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Selected Segment Information:		Domestic Life nsurance	International Life Insurance	Annuities (In thousands)	All Others	Totals
June 30, 2008: Selected Balance Sheet Items: Deferred policy acquisition						
costs and sales inducements	\$	63,709	213,085	512,052	-	788,846
Total segment assets		401,193	823,498	5,428,195	131,362	6,784,248
Future policy benefits		319,676	579,006	4,659,100	-	5,557,782
Other policyholder liabilities		10,838	12,261	100,722	-	123,821
Three Months Ended						
June 30, 2008:						
Condensed Income Statements: Premiums and contract						
revenues	\$	6,691	24,741	6,785		38,217
Net investment income	φ	5,030	5,005	59,006	3,237	72,278
Other income		3,030	13	39,000 85	3,051	3,153
Other medine		4	15	65	5,051	5,155
Total revenues		11,725	29,759	65,876	6,288	113,648
Life and other policy benefits		2,814	4,286	555	-	7,655
Amortization of deferred		,				,
policy acquisition costs		2,068	9,610	18,585	-	30,263
Universal life and annuity						
contract interest		2,288	4,586	26,681	-	33,555
Other operating expenses		3,049	4,254	4,489	2,835	14,627
Federal income taxes		508	2,354	5,210	1,161	9,233
Total expenses		10,727	25,090	55,520	3,996	95,333
Segment earnings	\$	998	4,669	10,356	2,292	18,315

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	Domestic Life Insurance		International Life Insurance	Annuities (In thousands)	All Others	Totals
Six Months Ended June 30, 2008: Condensed Income Statements: Premiums and contract						
revenues	\$	13,310	48,226	12,793	-	74,329
Net investment income		10,191	8,044	109,303	4,170	131,708
Other income		10	25	123	6,134	6,292
Total revenues		23,511	56,295	122,219	10,304	212,329
Life and other policy benefits		7,019	9,599	1,493	-	18,111
Amortization of deferred						
policy acquisition costs		4,355	18,401	33,755	-	56,511
Universal life and annuity						
contract interest		4,643	7,280	48,249	-	60,172
Other operating expenses		6,023	8,126	8,295	5,613	28,057
Federal income taxes		496	4,348	10,262	1,582	16,688
Total expenses		22,536	47,754	102,054	7,195	179,539
Segment earnings	\$	975	8,541	20,165	3,109	32,790

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Reconciliations of segment information to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements are provided below.

	T	Three Months Ended June					
		30,		Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2009	2008	2009	2008		
			(In thou	sands)			
Premiums and Other Revenue:							
Premiums and contract revenues	\$	43,251	38,217	85,953	74,329		
Net investment income		93,743	72,278	164,349	131,708		
Other income		3,507	3,153	7,101	6,292		
Realized gains (losses) on investments		166	(267)	(5,179)	(311)		
Fotal consolidated premiums and							
other revenue	\$	140,667	113,381	252,224	212,018		
Premiums and contract revenues Net investment income Other income Realized gains (losses) on investments Fotal consolidated premiums and		43,251 93,743 3,507 166	(In thou 38,217 72,278 3,153 (267)	85,953 164,349 7,101 (5,179)	74 131 6		

	Three Months Ended June					
		30,		Six Months End	Six Months Ended June 30,	
		2009	2008	2009	2008	
			(In thous	ands)		
Federal Income Taxes:						
Total segment Federal income taxes	\$	8,688	9,233	18,133	16,688	
Taxes on realized gains (losses)						
on investments		58	(94)	(1,813)	(109)	
Total consolidated Federal						
income taxes	\$	8,746	9,139	16,320	16,579	

	Three Months Ended June					
		30,		Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2009 2008		2008	2009	2008	
			(In thou	sands)		
Net Earnings:						
Total segment earnings	\$	18,734	18,315	37,236	32,790	
Realized gains (losses) on						
investments, net of taxes		108	(173)	(3,366)	(202)	
Total consolidated net earnings	\$	18,842	18,142	33,870	32,588	

(In thousands)	
\$ 6,988,887	6,784,248
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(7) SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

The Company has a stock and incentive plan ("1995 Plan") which provides for the grant of any or all of the following types of awards to eligible employees: (1) stock options, including incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options; (2) stock appreciation rights, in tandem with stock options or freestanding; (3) restricted stock; and (4) performance awards. The Company has issued only nonqualified stock options and stock appreciation rights. The 1995 Plan began on April 21, 1995, and was amended on June 25, 2004 to extend the termination date to April 20, 2010. The number of shares of Class A, \$1.00 par value, common stock which may be issued under the 1995 Plan, or as to which stock appreciation rights or other awards may be granted, may not exceed 300,000. Effective June 20, 2008, the Company's shareholders approved a 2008 Incentive Plan ("2008 Plan"). The 2008 Plan is substantially similar to the 1995 Plan and authorized an additional number of Class A, \$1.00 par value, common stock shares eligible for issue not to exceed 300,000. These shares may be authorized and unissued shares.

All of the employees of the Company and its subsidiaries are eligible to participate in the two Plans. In addition, directors of the Company are eligible to receive the same types of awards as employees except that they are not eligible to receive incentive stock options. Company directors, including members of the Compensation and Stock Option Committee, are eligible for nondiscretionary stock options. The directors' grants vest 20% annually following one full year of service to the Company from the date of grant. The employees' grants vest 20% annually following three full years of service to the Company from the date of grant. All grants issued expire after ten years. On February 19, 2009, the Company awarded 29,393 stock appreciation rights to Company officers and 9,000 stock appreciation rights to Company directors at a market value price of \$114.64. On April 18, 2008, the Company awarded 28,268 stock options to Company officers at a market value price of \$255.13 and on June 20, 2008, the Company awarded 9,000 stock options to Company directors at a market value price of \$208.05.

Effective during March 2006, the Company adopted and implemented a limited stock buy-back program which provides option holders the additional alternative of selling shares acquired through the exercise of options directly back to the Company. Option holders may elect to sell such acquired shares back to the Company at any time within ninety (90) days after the exercise of options at the prevailing market price as of the date of notice of election. The buy-back program did not alter the terms and conditions of the Plan, however the program necessitated a change in accounting from the equity classification to the liability classification.

In August 2008, the Company implemented another limited stock buy-back program, substantially similar to the 2006 program, for shares issued under the 2008 Plan.

The Company uses the current fair value method to measure compensation cost. As of June 30, 2009 and 2008, the liability balance was \$2.6 million and \$6.3 million, respectively. A summary of shares available for grant and stock option activity is detailed below.

	Options	Outstanding
		Weighted-
Shares		Average
Available		Exercise
For Grant	Shares	Price

291,400	105,812 \$	174.33
-	-	-
800	(800)	215.71
200	(200)	150.00
-	-	-
292,400	104,812 \$	174.06
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	Stock Appreciation R Awards	•	tstanding Weighted- Average Exercise Price
Stock Appreciation Rights: Balance at January 1, 2009	2,750	\$	245.70
SARs granted February 19, 2009	38,393	Ψ	114.64
Balance at June 30, 2009	41,143	\$	123.40

The total intrinsic value of options exercised was zero and \$2.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The total share-based liabilities paid were zero and \$2.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. For the quarters ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the total cash received from the exercise of options under the Plan was zero and \$0.4 million, respectively. The total fair value of shares vested during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$0.2 million and \$2.0 million, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about stock options and SARs outstanding at June 30, 2009.

		Options O	utstanding Weighted-	
		Number Itstanding	Average Remaining Contractual Life	Options Exercisable
Exercise prices:	00	astanding	Contractual Ene	LACICISUDIC
\$ 92.13		10,194	1.8 years	10,194
95.00		6,000	2.0 years	6,000
150.00		51,850	4.8 years	32,650
255.13		27,768	8.8 years	-
208.05		9,000	9.0 years	1,800
236.00		1,250	9.1 years	-
251.49		1,000	9.2 years	-
256.00		500	9.2 years	-
114.64		38,393	9.6 years	-
Totals		145,955		50,644
Aggregate intrinsic value				
(in thousands)	\$	462		\$ 381

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above is based on the closing stock price of \$116.75 per share on June 30, 2009.

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In estimating the fair value of the options outstanding at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company employed the Black-Scholes option pricing model with assumptions as detailed below.

	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Expected term of options	1 to 9 years	2 to 10 years
Expected volatility:		
Range	27.61% to 101.15%	24.70% to 77.55%
Weighted-average	49.08%	37.10%
Expected dividend yield	0.31%	0.22%
Risk-free rate:		
Range	1.52% to 3.74%	1.44% % to 2.40%
Weighted-average	2.63%	1.94%

The Company reviewed the contractual term relative to the options as well as perceived future behavior patterns of exercise. Volatility is based on the Company's historical volatility over the expected term.

The pre-tax compensation cost recognized in the financial statements related to the Plan was (1.2) million and 0.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The related tax expense recognized was (0.4) million and 0.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

As of June 30, 2009, the total compensation cost related to nonvested options not yet recognized was \$1.8 million. This amount is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.6 years. The Company recognizes compensation cost over the graded vesting periods.

(8) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

(A) Legal Proceedings

The Company is a defendant in two class action lawsuits. In one case, the Court has certified a class consisting of certain California policyholders age 65 and older alleging violations under California Business and Professions Code section 17200. The Court has additionally certified a subclass of 36 policyholders alleging fraud against their agent, and vicariously, against the Company. A second class action lawsuit in federal court in California is in discovery and the Company is currently opposing a recently filed motion for class certification. Management believes that the Company has good and meritorious defenses and intends to continue to vigorously defend itself against these claims.

The Company is involved or may become involved in various other legal actions, in the normal course of business, in which claims for alleged economic and punitive damages have been or may be asserted, some for substantial amounts. Although there can be no assurances, at the present time, the Company does not anticipate that the ultimate liability arising from potential, pending, or threatened legal actions, will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or operating results of the Company.

In January 2009, the SEC published its newly adopted rule 151A, Indexed Annuities and Certain Other Insurance Contracts. This rule defines "indexed annuities to be securities and thus subject to regulation by the SEC and under federal securities laws". Currently indexed annuities sold by life insurance companies are regulated by the States as Insurance products and Section 3(a)(8) of the Securities Act of 1933 provides an exemption for certain "annuity contracts," "optional annuity contracts," and other insurance contracts. The new rule is not effective until January 12, 2011. The Company and others have filed suit in the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to overturn this rule. The court heard oral arguments on May 8, 2009, and issued its opinion on July 21, 2009, stating that the matter was remanded to the SEC to address deficiencies in its Sec 2(b) analysis. In the event rule 151A is not overturned, it could have a material effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

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(9) INVESTMENTS

(A) Investment Gains and Losses

The table below presents realized investment gains and losses, excluding impairment losses, for the periods indicated.

	Six	months ende	ed June 30,	Three months e 30,	ended June
	2	2009	2008	2009	2008
			(In thous	sands)	
Available for sale debt securities:					
Realized gains on disposal	\$	146	887	88	830
Realized losses on disposal		(180)	-	(30)	-
Held to maturity debt securities:					
Realized gains on disposal		114	149	35	27
Realized losses on disposal		(19)	-	(14)	-
Equity securities realized gains		62	79	103	72
Real estate writedown		(52)	-	(52)	-
Mortgage loans writedowns		(12)	(4)	(6)	(4)
Other		69	28	68	233
Totals	\$	128	1,139	192	1,158

The table below presents net impairment losses recognized in earnings for the periods indicated.

	Six months ended June 30,		Three months e 30,	ee months ended June 30,	
		2009	2008	2009	2008
			(In thous	ands)	
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses on					
debt securities	\$	(6,714)	-	(1,839)	-
Portion of loss recognized					
in comprehensive income		1,823	-	1,823	-
Net impairment losses on debt					
securities recognized in earnings		(4,891)	-	(16)	-
Equity securities impairments		(416)	(1,450)	(10)	(1,425)
Totals	\$	(5,307)	(1,450)	(26)	(1,425)

In the second quarter of 2009, the Company recognized \$1,839,000 as an other-than-temporary impairment on an available for sale mortgage-backed security, of which \$16,000 was recognized in earnings as a credit loss and \$1,823,000 was recognized in other comprehensive income as a non-credit loss. The credit component of the impairment was determined to be the difference between amortized cost and the present value of the cash flows expected to be received, discounted at the original yield.

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The table below presents a roll forward of credit losses on securities for which the company also recorded non-credit other-than-temporary impairments.

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009 (In thousands)	
Credit losses on securities held at beginning of period in		
other comprehensive loss, as of April 1, 2009	\$	28
Additions for credit losses not previously recognized in		
other-than-temporary impairment		16
Credit losses on securities held at the end of period in other		
comprehensive loss	\$	44
-		

(B) Debt and Equity Securities

The tables below present amortized cost and fair values of securities held to maturity and securities available for sale at June 30, 2009.

	Amortized Cost		Securities Held to Maturity Gross Gross Unrealized Unrealized Gains Losses (In thousands)		Fair Value
Debt securities: U.S. Agencies	\$	48,186	2,721	_	50,907
C.S. Ageneics	Ψ	10,100	2,721		50,707
U.S. Treasury		1,920	430	-	2,350
States and political subdivisions		67,104	703	801	67,006
Foreign governments		9,959	548	-	10,507
Public utilities		602,780	17,668	8,418	612,030
Corporate	1	,483,144	34,447	71,503	1,446,088
Mortgage-backed	1	,709,241	75,264	3,767	1,780,738
Home equity		36,835	-	14,596	22,239
Manufactured housing		27,196	179	3,360	24,015

Totals\$ 3,986,365131,960102,4454,015,880

A total of \$0.7 million of non-credit other-than-temporary impairment on held to maturity manufactured housing securities is included in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, as of June 30, 2009.

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Debt securities:	Amortized Cost	Securities Ava Gross Unrealized Gains (In thou	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
U.S. Agencies	\$ -	-	-	-
U.S. Treasury	-	-	-	-
States and political subdivisions	46,348	-	4,775	41,573
Foreign governments	10,388	810	-	11,198
Public utilities	318,203	6,407	7,200	317,410
Corporate	1,248,280	22,565	62,915	1,207,930
Mortgage-backed	242,731	8,926	4,977	246,680
Home equity	13,886	-	6,896	6,990
Manufactured housing	11,277	86	980	10,383
Equity securities – private	195	6,962	-	7,157
Equity securities – public	6,610	618	811	6,417
Totals	\$ 1,897,918	46,374	88,554	1,855,738

Included in gross unrealized losses at June 30, 2009 is \$1.8 million of non-credit other-than-temporary impairment on a mortgage backed security. This impairment is included in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax and deferred acquisition costs.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2009, the Company made transfers totaling \$30.7 million to the held to maturity category from securities available for sale. Lower holdings of securities available for sale reduce the Company's exposure to market price volatility while still providing securities for liquidity and asset/liability management purposes. The transfers of securities were recorded at fair value in accordance with GAAP, which requires that the \$0.6 million unrealized holding gain at the date of the transfer continue to be reported in a separate component of stockholders' equity and be amortized over the remaining life of the security as an adjustment of yield in a manner consistent with the amortization of any premium or discount.

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The tables below present amortized cost and fair values of securities held to maturity and securities available for sale at December 31, 2008.

	Aı	mortized Cost	Securities Hel Gross Unrealized Gains (In thou	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Debt securities:			(III thou	isanus)	
U.S. Agencies	\$	119,674	3,975	-	123,649
U.S. Treasury		1,923	592	-	2,515
States and political subdivisions		23,123	3	801	22,325
Foreign governments		9,955	438	-	10,393
Public utilities		527,277	5,073	31,530	500,820
Corporate		1,334,157	13,580	118,204	1,229,533
Mortgage-backed		1,747,104	44,213	8,210	1,783,107
Home equity		37,808	37	9,533	28,312
Manufactured housing		30,396	93	3,790	26,699
Totals	\$.	3,831,417	68,004	172,068	3,727,353

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	Amortized Cost	Securities Ava Gross Unrealized Gains (In thou	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Debt securities:	.			
U.S. Agencies	\$ -	-	-	-
U.S. Treasury	-	-	-	-
States and political subdivisions	77,160	332	13,653	63,839
Foreign governments	10,418	907	-	11,325
Public utilities	287,927	300	25,085	263,142
Corporate	1,239,712	6,503	126,968	1,119,247
Corporate	1,239,712	0,505	120,900	1,117,247
Mortgage-backed	255,910	5,739	7,693	253,956
Home equity	13,877	-	4,726	9,151
Manufactured housing	11,942	-	1,019	10,923
	11,912		1,017	10,725
Equity securities - private	195	6,995	-	7,190