LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

Chairman and CEO

333 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE

(Month/Day/Year)

11/20/2008

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(T)

Person

CHICAGO, IL 60604

Security

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership

7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

(Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or

Owned Following Reported

Beneficially

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Execution Date, if

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	or Di (D)	sposed of $3, 4,$				
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of
Employee Stock Option	\$ 27.27	11/20/2008		D <u>(5)</u>		65,000	02/09/2006(5)	01/01/2012	Common Shares	6:
Employee Stock Option	\$ 27.27	11/20/2008		A(5)		65,000	02/09/2006(5)	01/01/2012	Common Shares	6:
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 30.98	11/20/2008		D(6)		75,000	02/08/2007(6)	01/01/2012	Common Shares	7:
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 30.98	11/20/2008		A(6)		75,000	02/08/2007(6)	01/01/2012	Common Shares	7:
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 41.86	11/20/2008		D <u>(7)</u>		75,000	02/07/2008(7)	01/01/2012	Common Shares	7:
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 41.86	11/20/2008		A <u>(7)</u>		75,000	02/07/2008(7)	01/01/2012	Common Shares	7:
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 32.54	11/20/2008		D(8)		75,000	02/06/2009(8)	01/01/2012	Common Shares	7:
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 32.54	11/20/2008		A(8)		75,000	02/06/2009(8)	01/01/2012	Common Shares	7:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W 333 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60604	X		Chairman and CEO			

Signatures

Stephen W. Lilienthal	11/20/2008		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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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).
- (5) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on February 9, 2005 and provided for vesting in quarterly annual installments commencing on February 9, 2006. Pursuant to Mr. Lilienthal's Employment Agreement, the expiration date of the original option would have been one year following his departure from the Company. In addition, an unvested options fully vest upon termination.
 - The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding stock appreciation right, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" right and the grant of a replacement right. The right was originally granted on February 8, 2006 and provided for vesting in
- (6) quarterly annual installments commencing on February 8, 2007. Pursuant to Mr. Lilienthal's Employment Agreement, the expiration date of the original right would have been one year following his departure from the Company. In addition, any unvested rights fully vest upon termination.
 - The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding stock appreciation right, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" right and the grant of a replacement right. The right was originally granted on February 7,2007 and provided for vesting in
- (7) quarterly annual installments commencing on February 7, 2008. Pursuant to Mr. Lilienthal's Employment Agreement, the expiration date of the original right would have been one year following his departure from the Company. In addition, any unvested rights fully vest upon termination.
 - The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding stock appreciation right, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" right and the grant of a replacement right. The right was originally granted on February 6, 2008 and provided for vesting in
- (8) quarterly annual installments commencing on February 6, 2009. Pursuant to Mr. Lilienthal's Employment Agreement, the expiration date of the original right would have been one year following his departure from the Company. In addition, any unvested rights fully vest upon termination.

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