

DENAHAN WELLINGTON
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DENAHAN WELLINGTON

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Vice Chairman of Board & CIO

C/O ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	813,263	D	

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 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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to purchase Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	\$ 17.97	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	08/04/2004	08/04/2013	Common Stock	150,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	\$ 17.39	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/19/2005	04/19/2014	Common Stock	150,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	\$ 17.07	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	07/07/2006	07/07/2015	Common Stock	150,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	\$ 15.7	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/17/2008	05/17/2017	Common Stock	150,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	\$ 16.46	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/08/2009	05/08/2018	Common Stock	200,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	\$ 15.61	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	09/19/2009	09/19/2018	Common Stock	200,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	\$ 13.25	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/22/2010	04/22/2019	Common Stock	200,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DENAHAN WELLINGTON C/O ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902 NEW YORK, NY 10036	X		Vice Chairman of Board & CIO	

Signatures

/s/ Wellington
Denahan-Norris

01/20/2012

__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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