

SCHAEFER JOHN H
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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 *
 SCHAEFER JOHN H

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/23/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10036

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	05/25/2018		M	V A	11,451 \$ 0 77,494	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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Deferred Stock Units	(1)	05/23/2018		A	12,858	(1) (1)	Common Stock	12,858
Deferred Stock Units	(1)	05/25/2018		M	11,451	(1) (1)	Common Stock	11,451

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHAEFER JOHN H C/O ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10036	X			

Signatures

/s/ Anthony C. Green, as Attorney-in-Fact for John H. Schaefer 05/25/2018

__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) The Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs") convert to shares of Common Stock on a one-for-one basis one year after the date of grant unless the director elects to defer the settlement of the DSUs until after a termination of service pursuant to the Annaly Capital Management, Inc. 2010 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) Reflects the aggregate amount of DSUs granted during the tenure of the respective director net of any conversions, including 10,109 DSUs acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment for which no additional price was paid.

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