

Welch Ronald Jay
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Welch Ronald Jay

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE MOODY PLAZA

(Street)

GALVESTON,Â TXÂ 77550

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
07/21/2009

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/
[ANAT]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

See Remarks

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

__X__ Form filed by One Reporting
Person

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Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

1,000

D Â

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative
Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration
Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title

Amount or
Number of

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect

6. Nature of
Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Appreciation Right	08/01/2003 ⁽¹⁾	08/01/2012 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 88	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	05/02/2006 ⁽¹⁾	05/02/2015 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 100.46	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	05/01/2009 ⁽¹⁾	05/01/2018 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	7,000	\$ 116.48	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Welch Ronald Jay ONE MOODY PLAZA GALVESTON, TX 77550	Â	Â	Â See Remarks	Â

Signatures

Ronald J. Welch 07/20/2009

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) SARs become exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the date shown.

(2) SARs expire five years from the date they become exercisable. The date shown represents the expiration date of the final installment of SARs to become exercisable.

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Remarks:

Sr.Â Exec.Â VP,Â CorporateÂ RiskÂ OfficerÂ &Â ChiefÂ Actuary

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