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Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Singh R Nicholas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Chief Legal Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/14/2011                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                         | 5,500                                                                                                              | A                                                                    | \$<br>13.25                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 7,415                                   |
| Class A<br>Preferred<br>Stock         |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 1,150                                   |

By 401(k)  
PlanBy 401(k)  
Plan

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                         |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                               | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 17.07                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 07/07/2006                                                          | 07/07/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 30,000                              |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 15.7                                                            |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 05/17/2008                                                          | 05/17/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 40,000                              |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 16.46                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 05/08/2009                                                          | 05/08/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 53,000                              |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 15.61                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 09/19/2009                                                          | 09/19/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 53,000                              |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 13.25                                                           | 12/14/2011                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                                                                 | 5,500                                                          |     | 04/22/2010                                                          | 04/22/2019         | Common<br>Stock | 5,500                               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| Singh R Nicholas<br>C/O ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. |               |           | Chief<br>Legal |       |

1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902  
NEW YORK, NY 10036

Officer

## Signatures

/s/ R. Nicholas  
Singh

12/15/2011

\_\_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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