Mills Steven Walter
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

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mills Steven Walter	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol National Western Life Group, Inc. [NWLI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) NWLIC - SVP CAO
(Last) (First) (Middle) 10801 N. MOPAC EXPY BLDG 3	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2017	
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
AUSTIN, TX 78759		
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date			
Stock Appreciation Rights	$ 334.34	12/13/2017	A		188		12/13/2018[(1)]	12/13/2027	Class A Common Stock	188
Restricted Stock Units	[(2)]	12/13/2017	A		47		12/13/2020[(3)]	[(2)]	Class A Common Stock	47

Reporting Owners

	Relationships			
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mills Steven Walter 10801 N. MOPAC EXPY BLDG 3 AUSTIN, TX 78759			NWLIC - SVP CAO	

Signatures

Steve W. Mills	12/13/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The SARs are exercisable as they vest. The SARs vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive the cash value of one share of NWLI Class A common stock on the Date Exercisable.

(3) The restricted stock units have a three year cliff vesting schedule that begins on the grant date. The restricted stock units will vest 100% on the third anniversary from the grant date.

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