

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) December 15, 2008

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

COLORADO  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

84-0467208  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2-17039  
(Commission File Number)

850 EAST ANDERSON LANE, AUSTIN, TEXAS  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

78752-1602  
(Zip code)

(512) 836-1010  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act  
(17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 15, 2008, National Western Life Insurance Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company's "A (Strong)" financial strength rating had been affirmed by independent rating agency Standard & Poor's. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The press release is available at the Company's website, [www.nationalwesternlife.com](http://www.nationalwesternlife.com).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

( d ) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated December 15, 2008

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY

Date: December 16, 2008

By: /S/ Brian M. Pribyl  
Brian M. Pribyl  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Financial & Administrative Officer  
and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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