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NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO Form 8-K August 28, 2009

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) August 28, 2009

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

COLORADO 84-0467208
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2-17039 (Commission File Number)

850 EAST ANDERSON LANE, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78752-1602 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip code)

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

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 28, 2009, the Board of Directors of National Western Life Insurance Company declared a cash dividend payable November 30, 2009 to stockholders on record as of October 30, 2009. The dividends declared were \$0.36 per common share to Class A stockholders and \$0.18 per common share to Class B stockholders.

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: August 28, 2009 By: /S/ Brian M. Pribyl

Brian M. Pribyl Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

and Treasurer