

**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) October 21, 2005

**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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01.** Other Events.

On October 21, 2005, the Board of Directors of National Western Life Insurance Company declared a cash dividend payable November 30, 2005 to stockholders on record as of November 1, 2005. The dividends declared were \$0.34 per common share to Class A stockholders and \$0.17 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: October 26, 2005

By: /S/Brian Pribyl

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Brian M. Pribyl  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Financial & Administrative Officer  
and Treasurer