

**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) September 26, 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 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 September 26, 2008, National Western Life Insurance Company (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the change of the Company’s NASDAQ ticker symbol to “NWLI” effective October 3, 2008. 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.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated September 26, 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: September 26, 2008

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Press Release of National Western Life Insurance Company issued September 26, 2008 announcing the change of the Company’s NASDAQ ticker symbol to “NWLI”.

NEWS RELEASE

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

National Western Life Announces Change in Nasdaq Ticker Symbol

Austin, Texas, September 26, 2008 – National Western Life Insurance Company announced today a change in its Nasdaq ticker symbol to “NWLI” effective October 3, 2008. The symbol change is in response to Nasdaq moving to a four letter symbol format in place of a five letter format.

Founded in 1956, National Western Life is a stock life insurance company offering a broad portfolio of individual universal life, whole life and term insurance plans, annuity products, and investment contracts meeting the financial needs of its customers in 49 states as well as residents of various countries in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. The Company has approximately 290 employees and 9,200 contracted independent agents, brokers and consultants, and at June 30, 2008, maintained total assets of \$6.8 billion, stockholders' equity in excess of \$1.0 billion, and life insurance in force of approximately \$18.3 billion.

For more information, including company news and investor relations information, visit the Company's website at <https://www.nationalwesternlife.com>.

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