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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-153341
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**FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

National Western Life Insurance Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Colorado

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

84-0467208

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

850 East Anderson Lane

Austin, Texas

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

78752-1602

(Zip Code)

**National Western Life Insurance Company 2008 Incentive Plan
National Western Life Insurance Company 1995 Stock and Incentive Plan**

(Full title of the plans)

Ross R. Moody

President and Interim Chief Executive Officer

National Western Life Insurance Company

850 East Anderson Lane

Austin, Texas

(Name and address of agent for service)

(512) 836-1010

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

This Post-Effective Amendment (this “Amendment”) relates to the following Registration Statements on Form S-8 (collectively, the “Registration Statements”):

Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-153341) registering 300,000 shares of National Western Life Insurance Company’s (the “Company”) Class A common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the “Class A Common Stock”), for the National Western Life Insurance Company 2008 Incentive Plan.

Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-38549) registering 300,000 shares of Class A Common Stock for the National Western Life Insurance Company 1995 Stock and Incentive Plan.

The Company is terminating the Registration Statements and deregistering the remaining securities registered but unsold under the Registration Statements, if any, in accordance with an undertaking made by the Company in Part II of the Registration Statements to remove from registration, by means of a post-effective amendment, any of the securities that had been registered for issuance that remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Austin, State of Texas, on October 2, 2015.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Registrant)

Date: October 2, 2015

/S/Ross R. Moody

By: Ross R. Moody, President and

Interim Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <u>Signature</u> | <u>Title (Capacity)</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|--|--|-----------------|
| <u>/S/Robert L. Moody</u> Robert L. Moody | Chairman of the Board and Director | October 2, 2015 |
| <u>/S/Ross R. Moody</u> Ross R. Moody | President and Interim Chief Executive Officer, and Director (Principal Executive Officer) | October 2, 2015 |
| <u>/S/Brian M. Pribyl</u> Brian M. Pribyl | Senior Vice President - Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer) | October 2, 2015 |
| <u>/S/Bruce E. Wood</u> Bruce E. Wood | Vice President, Controller, & Assistant Treasurer (Principal Accounting Officer) | October 2, 2015 |
| <u>/S/Stephen E. Glasgow</u> Stephen E. Glasgow | Director | October 2, 2015 |
| <u>/S/E. Douglas McLeod</u> E. Douglas McLeod | Director | October 2, 2015 |
| <u>/S/Charles D. Milos</u> Charles D. Milos | Director | October 2, 2015 |
| <u>/S/Ann M. Moody</u> Ann M. Moody | Director | October 2, 2015 |
| <u>/S/Frances A. Moody-Dahlberg</u> Frances A. Moody-Dahlberg | Director | October 2, 2015 |

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| <u>/S/Russell S. Moody</u> | Director | October 2, 2015 |
| Russell S. Moody | | |
| <u>/S/Louis E. Pauls, Jr.</u> | Director | October 2, 2015 |
| Louis E. Pauls, Jr. | | |
| <u>/S/E.J. Pederson</u> | Director | October 2, 2015 |
| E.J. Pederson | | |