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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Diamond Jeremy | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|---------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC [(NLY)] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify | | | |
| C/O: CHIMERA INVESTMENT | | | 12/15/2011 | below) below) MANAGING DIRECTOR | | | |

C/O: CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION, 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

MANAGING DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, NY 10036

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secui | rities Acq | uired, Disposed (| of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------|------------|------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2011 | | M | 2,383 | A | \$ 13.25 | 81,133 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2011 | | M | 2,617 | A | \$ 11.72 | 83,750 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 241 | I | By Wife |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 65 | I | Jeremy Diamond C/F |

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| Common Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities benefit | directly or indirectly. | C/F Benjamin L. Diamond | | |
| Comman | | Eleanor L. Diamond Jeremy Diamond | | |

 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|-------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to purchase Common Stock (1) | \$ 17.97 | | | | | | 08/04/2004 | 08/04/2013 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock (1) | \$ 17.39 | | | | | | 04/19/2005 | 04/19/2014 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock (1) | \$ 17.07 | | | | | | 07/07/2006 | 07/07/2015 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock (1) | \$ 11.72 | 12/15/2011 | | M | 2 | 2,617 | 02/13/2007 | 02/13/2016 | Common Stock | 2,617 |
| Option to purchase Common | \$ 15.7 | | | | | | 05/17/2008 | 05/17/2017 | Common Stock | 40,000 |

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| Stock (1) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Option to purchase Common Stock (1) | \$ 16.46 | | | | 05/08/2009 | 05/08/2018 | Common Stock | 53,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock (1) | \$ 15.61 | | | | 09/19/2009 | 09/19/2018 | Common Stock | 53,000 |
| Option to purchase Common Stock (1) | \$ 13.25 | 12/15/2011 | M | 2,383 | 04/22/2010 | 04/22/2019 | Common Stock | 150,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Diamond Jeremy

C/O: CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902 NEW YORK, NY 10036

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Signatures

Jeremy Diamond

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
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