

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 305B2  
June 18, 2013

Registration No. 333-184162

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM T-1**

**STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY**

**UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A  
CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE**

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**CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b) (2)**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

**A National Banking Association**  
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization if not a U.S. national  
bank)

**94-1347393**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**101 North Phillips Avenue  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

**57104**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

**Wells Fargo & Company  
Law Department, Trust Section**

**MAC N9305-175**

**Sixth Street and Marquette Avenue, 17th Floor**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota 55479**

**(612) 667-4608**

(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

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## **AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**

(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

**Iowa**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**42-1447959**

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

**6000 Westown Parkway  
West Des Moines, Iowa**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**50266**

(Zip code)

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**Subordinated Debt Securities**

(Title of the indenture securities)

Item 1. General Information. Furnish the following information as to the trustee:

(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

Comptroller of the Currency

Treasury Department

Washington, D.C.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Washington, D.C.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

San Francisco, California 94120

(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

The trustee is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Item 2. Affiliations with Obligor. If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.

None with respect to the trustee.

No responses are included for Items 3-14 of this Form T-1 because the obligor is not in default as provided under Item 13.

Item 15. Foreign Trustee. Not applicable.

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Item 16. List of Exhibits.

List below all exhibits filed as a part of this Statement of Eligibility.

Exhibit 1. A copy of the Articles of Association of the trustee now in effect.\*

Exhibit 2. A copy of the Comptroller of the Currency Certificate of Corporate Existence for Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, dated June 27, 2012.\*\*

Exhibit 3. A copy of the Comptroller of the Currency Certification of Fiduciary Powers for Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, dated December 21, 2011.\*\*

Exhibit 4. Copy of By-laws of the trustee as now in effect.\*\*\*

Exhibit 5. Not applicable.

Exhibit 6. The consent of the trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act.

Exhibit 7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the trustee published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

Exhibit 8. Not applicable.

Exhibit 9. Not applicable.

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\* Incorporated by reference to the exhibit of the same number to the trustee s Form T-1 filed as exhibit 25 to the Form S-4 dated December 30, 2005 of file number 333-130784.

\*\* Incorporated by reference to the exhibit of the same number to the trustee s Form T-1 filed as exhibit 25 to the Form S-3 dated January 23, 2013 of file number 333-186155.

\*\*\* Incorporated by reference to the exhibit of the same number to the trustee s Form T-1 filed as exhibit 25 to the Form S-4 dated May 26, 2005 of file number 333-125274.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the trustee, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Minneapolis and State of Minnesota on the 17th day of June, 2013.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

/s/ Richard Prokosch  
Richard Prokosch  
Vice President

June 17, 2013

Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, D.C. 20549

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the undersigned hereby consents that reports of examination of the undersigned made by Federal, State, Territorial, or District authorities authorized to make such examination may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request therefor.

Very truly yours,

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

/s/ Richard Prokosch  
Richard Prokosch  
Vice President

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## Consolidated Report of Condition of

Wells Fargo Bank National Association

of 101 North Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,

at the close of business March 31, 2013, filed in accordance with 12 U.S.C. §161 for National Banks.

	<b>Dollar Amounts In Millions</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	\$ 15,281
Interest-bearing balances	108,103
Securities:	
Held-to-maturity securities	0
Available-for-sale securities	216,301
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:	
Federal funds sold in domestic offices	29
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	27,158
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases held for sale	28,482
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	749,665
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	14,136
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance	735,529
Trading Assets	34,744
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	7,625
Other real estate owned	3,238
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	599
Direct and indirect investments in real estate ventures	9
Intangible assets	
Goodwill	21,545
Other intangible assets	20,074
Other assets	52,903
Total assets	\$ 1,271,620
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	\$ 932,346
Noninterest-bearing	247,585
Interest-bearing	684,761
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	68,180
Noninterest-bearing	521
Interest-bearing	67,659
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase:	
Federal funds purchased in domestic offices	11,474
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	12,132

