

WELLPOINT INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â PONDER RONALD J		(Month/Day/Year)	WELLPOINT INC [WLP]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		11/30/2004		
120 MONUMENT CIRCLE			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
INDIANAPOLIS,Â INÂ 46204			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			EVP	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	40	I	401(k)
Common Stock	2,060	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Deferred Comp Stock Units	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	222	\$ 0	D	Â
Deferred Comp Stock Units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Stock	10,600	\$ 0	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	02/04/2013	Common Stock	117,800	\$ 55.1	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	06/23/2012	Common Stock	99,200	\$ 67.95	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (5)	01/25/2014	Common Stock	79,360	\$ 82.06	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PONDER RONALD J 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	Â	Â	Â EVP	Â

Signatures

Nancy Purcell,
Attorney-in-fact

12/02/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- (1) Deferred share right grant made in the Company's Comprehensive Executive Non-qualified Retirement Plan and awarded pursuant to the Company's 1999 Stock Incentive Plan. The deferred shares are fully vested.
- (2) Deferred share right grant made in the Company's Comprehensive Executive Non-qualified Retirement Plan and awarded pursuant to the Company's 1999 Stock Incentive Plan. The deferred shares will vest in three equal installments beginning January 26, 2005, January 26, 2006 and January 26, 2007.
- (3) The options are vested with respect to 58,900 shares and 58,900 options will vest in equal installments on February 5, 2005, August 5, 2005 and February 5, 2006.
- (4) The options are vested with respect to 66,133 shares and 33,067 options will vest on June 24, 2005.
- (5) The options are vested with respect to 13,226 shares and 66,134 options will vest in five equal installments on January 26, 2005, July 26, 2005, January 26, 2006, July 26, 2006 and January 26, 2007.

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