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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement WELLPOINT INC [WLP] À PONDER RONALD J (Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2004 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person INDIANAPOLIS, ÂINÂ 46204 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Ι Common Stock 40 401(k)Â Common Stock 2.060 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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3. Title and Amount of 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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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	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	222	\$ 0	D	Â
Deferred Comp Stock Units	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	10,600	\$ 0	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	02/04/2013	Common Stock	117,800	\$ 55.1	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	06/23/2012	Common Stock	99,200	\$ 67.95	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(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 Â INÂ 46204	Â	Â	EVP	Â		

Signatures

Nancy Purcell, Attorney-in-fact

**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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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