# September 30, 2011

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### AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Septembe 2011	
Assets		
Investments:		
Fixed maturity securities:		
Available for sale, at fair value	\$ 17,3	378,812 \$ 15,830,663
Held for investment, at amortized cost	2,8	827,461 822,200
Equity securities, available for sale, at fair value		65,401 65,961
Mortgage loans on real estate	2,8	838,893 2,598,641
Derivative instruments	I	171,905 479,786
Other investments	]	112,876 19,680
Total investments	23,3	395,348 19,816,931
Cash and cash equivalents		572,314 597,766
Coinsurance deposits		759,735 2,613,191
Accrued investment income		212,792 167,645
Deferred policy acquisition costs		638,087 1,747,760
Deferred sales inducements		199,372 1,227,328
Deferred income taxes		21,386 143,253
Income taxes recoverable		18,036 6,134
Other assets		58,867 106,755
Total assets	\$ 29,8	875,937 \$ 26,426,763
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Policy benefit reserves	\$ 26,9	917,463 \$ 23,655,807
Other policy funds and contract claims		375,368 222,860
Notes payable		340,552 330,835
Subordinated debentures		268,552 268,435
Other liabilities		614,465 1,010,779
Total liabilities		516,400 25,488,716
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock		57,855 56,968
Additional paid-in capital	2	464,768 454,454
Unallocated common stock held by ESOP		(3,965) (4,815)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2	454,710 81,820
Retained earnings	3	386,169 349,620
Total stockholders' equity	1,3	359,537 938,047
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 29,8	875,937 \$ 26,426,763

#### AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

		Three Mon Septem			Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2011		2010		2011		2010
Revenues:								
Traditional life and accident and health insurance premiums	\$	3,126	\$	3,181	\$	9,331	\$	9,111
Annuity product charges		20,405		18,538		57,259		52,673
Net investment income		305,502		260,475		894,508		758,230
Change in fair value of derivatives		(333,621)		93,980		(206,997)		(32,742)
Net realized gains (losses) on investments, excluding other than temporary impairment ("OTTI") losses		(17,292)		11,298		(19,339)		22,264
OTTI losses on investments:								
Total OTTI losses		(5,133)		(2,160)		(10,346)		(16,347)
Portion of OTTI losses recognized in (from) other comprehensive income		(3,758)		(1,830)		(7,345)		8,316
Net OTTI losses recognized in operations		(8,891)	_	(3,990)		(17,691)		(8,031)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		_		_		_		(292)
Total revenues	_	(30,771)	_	383,482		717,071		801,213
Benefits and expenses: Insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits		1.888		2.128		6.282		6.629
Interest sensitive and index product benefits (b)		223,232		159,155		621,317		584,842
Amortization of deferred sales inducements (c)		(28,065)		5,184		22,892		21,516
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives		(205,565)		114,823		(138,225)		(11,513)
Interest expense on notes payable		7,984		4,940		23,723		14,264
Interest expense on subordinated debentures		3,488		3,805		10,435		11,206
Interest expense on amounts due under repurchase agreements						5		
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs (c)		(28,930)		45,795		65,155		73,980
Other operating costs and expenses		15,903		16,213		50,011		48,900
Total benefits and expenses		(10,065)		352,043		661,595		749,824
Income (loss) before income taxes		(20,706)	_	31,439		55,476		51,389
Income tax expense (benefit)		(7,638)		10,925		18,927		17,494
Net income (loss) (b) (c)	\$	(13,068)	\$	20,514	\$	36,549	\$	33,895
Earnings (loss) per common share (b) (c)	\$	(0.22)	\$	0.35	\$	0.62	\$	0.58
Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution (a) (b) (c)	\$	(0.22)	\$	0.33	\$	0.59	\$	0.56
Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands):								
Earnings (loss) per common share		59,596		58,564		59,429		58,422
Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution		62,698		62,498		62,783		62,246

- (a) The numerator for earnings per common share assuming dilution is equal to net income plus the after tax cost of interest on convertible subordinated debentures issued to a subsidiary trust. The after tax cost of such interest was \$258 for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, and \$775 and \$776 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.
- (b) Nine months ended September 30, 2011 includes an adjustment recorded in the first quarter of 2011 to single premium immediate annuity reserves which reduced interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$4.2 million and increased net income, earnings per common share and earnings per common share assuming dilution by \$2.7 million, \$0.05 per share and \$0.04 per share, respectively.
- (c) Three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 include benefit from unlocking which reduced amortization of deferred sales inducements by \$5.0 million and amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs by \$9.1 million, reduced the net loss for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and increased net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 by \$9.1 million, reduced loss per common share and loss per common share assuming dilution for the three months ended September 30, 2011 by \$0.15 per share, and increased earnings per common share and earnings per common share assuming dilution for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 by \$0.15 per share and \$0.14 per share, respectively.

#### **Operating Income**

### Nine months ended September 30, 2011 (Unaudited)

				Adjust	tments			
	As	Reported	Realized Losses		Oth	vatives and her Index hnuity		Operating ncome (a)
		(Do	llars in	thousands,	except	per share da	ata)	
Revenues:								
Traditional life and accident and health insurance premiums	\$	9,331	\$	_	\$	—	\$	9,331
Annuity product charges		57,259		—		—		57,259
Net investment income		894,508		—		—		894,508
Change in fair value of derivatives		(206,997)		—		303,457		96,460
Net realized losses on investments, excluding other than temporary impairment ("OTTI") losses		(19,339)		19,339		_		_
Net OTTI losses recognized in operations		(17,691)		17,691		_		_
Total revenues		717,071		37,030		303,457		1,057,558
Benefits and expenses:								
Insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits		6,282		_		_		6,282
Interest sensitive and index product benefits (b)		621,317		_		_		621,317
Amortization of deferred sales inducements (c)		22,892		7,046		55,479		85,417
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives		(138,225)		_		93,324		(44,901)
Interest expense on notes payable		23,723		_		_		23,723
Interest expense on subordinated debentures		10,435		_		_		10,435
Interest expense on amounts due under repurchase agreements		5		_		_		5
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs (c)		65,155		10,205		74,411		149,771
Other operating costs and expenses		50,011		_		_		50,011
Total benefits and expenses		661,595		17,251		223,214		902,060
Income before income taxes		55,476		19,779		80,243		155,498
Income tax expense		18,927		7,041		28,479		54,447
Net income (b) (c)	\$	36,549	\$	12,738	\$	51,764	\$	101,051
Earnings per common share (b) (c)	\$	0.62					\$	1.70
Earnings per common share - assuming dilution (b) (c)	\$	0.59					\$	1.62

- (a) In addition to net income, we have consistently utilized operating income, operating income per common share and operating income per common share assuming dilution, non-GAAP financial measures commonly used in the life insurance industry, as economic measures to evaluate our financial performance. Operating income equals net income adjusted to eliminate the impact of net realized gains and losses on investments including net OTTI losses recognized in operations and fair value changes in derivatives and embedded derivatives. Because these items fluctuate from quarter to quarter in a manner unrelated to core operations, we believe measures excluding their impact are useful in analyzing operating trends. We believe the combined presentation and evaluation of operating income together with net income, provides information that may enhance an investor's understanding of our underlying results and profitability.
- (b) Nine months ended September 30, 2011 includes an adjustment recorded in the first quarter of 2011 to single premium immediate annuity reserves which reduced interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$4.2 million, increased net income and operating income by \$2.7 million, increased earnings per common share and operating income per common share by \$0.05 per share and increased earnings per common share - assuming dilution and operating income per common share - assuming dilution by \$0.04 per share.
- (c) See note (c) on page 2 for discussion of the impact of unlocking on "As Reported" amounts and note (c) on page 5 for discussion of the impact of unlocking on "Operating Income" amounts.

Change in fair value of derivatives:				
Proceeds received at expiration	\$ 388,717	\$	—	\$ 388,717
Cost of money for fixed index annuities	(245,669)		—	(245,669)
Change in the difference between fair value and remaining option cost at beginning and end of period	(350,045)		303,457	(46,588)
	\$ (206,997)	\$	303,457	\$ 96,460
Index credits included in interest credited to account balances	\$ 383,212			\$ 383,212

### **Operating Income**

### Three months ended September 30, 2011 (Unaudited)

				Adjus	tments			
	As	Reported	Realize	ed Losses	Ot	vatives and her Index Annuity		Operating ncome (a)
		(Do	llars in t	thousands,	except	t per share da	ata)	
Revenues:								
Traditional life and accident and health insurance premiums	\$	3,126	\$	_	\$	—	\$	3,126
Annuity product charges		20,405		—		—		20,405
Net investment income		305,502		_		_		305,502
Change in fair value of derivatives		(333,621)				346,032		12,411
Net realized losses on investments, excluding other than temporary impairment ("OTTI") losses		(17,292)		17,292		_		_
Net OTTI losses recognized in operations		(8,891)		8,891		_		—
Total revenues		(30,771)		26,183		346,032		341,444
Benefits and expenses:								
Insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits		1,888		_		_		1,888
Interest sensitive and index product benefits		223,232		_		_		223,232
Amortization of deferred sales inducements (b)		(28,065)		5,020		47,324		24,279
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives		(205,565)		_		164,118		(41,447)
Interest expense on notes payable		7,984		_		_		7,984
Interest expense on subordinated debentures		3,488		_		_		3,488
Interest expense on amounts due under repurchase agreements		_		_		_		_
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs (b)		(28,930)		7,208		63,919		42,197
Other operating costs and expenses		15,903		_		_		15,903
Total benefits and expenses		(10,065)		12,228		275,361		277,524
Income (loss) before income taxes		(20,706)		13,955		70,671		63,920
Income tax expense (benefit)		(7,638)		4,967		25,127		22,456
Net income (loss) (b)	\$	(13,068)	\$	8,988	\$	45,544	\$	41,464
Earnings (loss) per common share (b)	\$	(0.22)					\$	0.70
Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution (b)	\$	(0.22)					\$	0.67

- (a) In addition to net income, we have consistently utilized operating income, operating income per common share and operating income per common share assuming dilution, non-GAAP financial measures commonly used in the life insurance industry, as economic measures to evaluate our financial performance. Operating income equals net income adjusted to eliminate the impact of net realized gains and losses on investments including net OTTI losses recognized in operations and fair value changes in derivatives and embedded derivatives. Because these items fluctuate from quarter to quarter in a manner unrelated to core operations, we believe measures excluding their impact are useful in analyzing operating trends. We believe the combined presentation and evaluation of operating income together with net income, provides information that may enhance an investor's understanding of our underlying results and profitability.
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Change in fair value of derivatives:				
Proceeds received at expiration	\$ 140,166	\$	—	\$ 140,166
Cost of money for fixed index annuities	(85,748)		—	(85,748)
Change in the difference between fair value and remaining option cost at beginning and end of period	(388,039)		346,032	(42,007)
	\$ (333,621)	\$	346,032	\$ 12,411
Index credits included in interest credited to account balances	\$ 138,624			\$ 138,624

### Operating Income/Net Income Quarterly Summary - Most Recent 5 Quarters (Unaudited)

	(	Q3 2011		Q2 2011		Q1 2011		Q4 2010	(	Q3 2010
				(Dollars in th	ousa	nds, except p	er sh	are data)		
Revenues:										
Traditional life and accident and health insurance premiums	\$	3,126	\$	3,289	\$	2,916	\$	2,871	\$	3,181
Annuity product charges		20,405		19,892		16,962		16,402		18,538
Net investment income		305,502		296,878		292,128		277,876		260,475
Change in fair value of derivatives		12,411		69,316		14,733		29,401		17,095
Total revenues		341,444	_	389,375		326,739		326,550		299,289
Benefits and expenses:										
Insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits		1,888		2,499		1,895		1,622		2,128
Interest sensitive and index product benefits (b)		223,232		238,420		159,665		148,320		155,667
Amortization of deferred sales inducements (c)		24,279		30,866		30,272		27,719		24,942
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives		(41,447)		(8,723)		5,269		28,112		1,483
Interest expense on notes payable		7,984		7,832		7,907		7,861		4,940
Interest expense on subordinated debentures		3,488		3,481		3,466		3,700		3,805
Interest expense on amounts due under repurchase agreements		—		1		4		_		—
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs (c)		42,197		53,815		53,759		50,788		47,754
Other operating costs and expenses		15,903		16,634		17,474		17,715		16,213
Total benefits and expenses		277,524	_	344,825		279,711		285,837	_	256,932
Operating income before income taxes		63,920		44,550		47,028		40,713		42,357
Income tax expense		22,456		15,537		16,454		14,319		14,795
Operating income (a) (b) (c)		41,464		29,013		30,574		26,394		27,562
Net realized gains (losses) and net OTTI losses on investments, net of offsets		(8,988)		(1,278)		(2,472)		(4,687)		1,950
Lawsuit settlement				_		_		(27,297)		_
Net effect of derivatives and other index annuity, net of offsets		(45,544)		(9,461)		3,241		14,628		(8,998)
Net income (loss) (b) (c)	\$	(13,068)	\$	18,274	\$	31,343	\$	9,038	\$	20,514
	<u>^</u>		-	0.40	<u>^</u>				<b>^</b>	0.47
Operating income per common share (a) (b) (c)	\$	0.70	\$	0.48	\$	0.52	\$	0.45	\$	0.47
Operating income per common share - assuming dilution (a) (b) (c)		0.67	\$	0.45	\$	0.47	\$	0.41	\$	0.45
Earnings (loss) per common share (b) (c)	\$	(0.22)	\$	0.31	\$	0.53	\$	0.15	\$	0.35
Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution (b) (c)	\$	(0.22)	\$	0.28	\$	0.48	\$	0.14	\$	0.33
Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands):										
Earnings (loss) per common share		59,596		59,504		59,182		58,757		58,564
Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution		62,698		65,530		65,711		65,054		62,498

(a) In addition to net income (loss), we have consistently utilized operating income, operating income per common share and operating income per common share - assuming dilution, non-GAAP financial measures commonly used in the life insurance industry, as economic measures to evaluate our financial performance. Operating income equals net income (loss) adjusted to eliminate the impact of net realized gains and losses on investments including net OTTI losses recognized in operations, the settlement of a class action lawsuit and fair value changes in derivatives and embedded derivatives. Because these items fluctuate from quarter to quarter in a manner unrelated to core operations, we believe measures excluding their impact are useful in analyzing operating trends. We believe the combined presentation and evaluation of operating income together with net income (loss), provides information that may enhance an investor's understanding of our underlying results and profitability.

(b) Three months ended March 31, 2011 includes an adjustment to single premium immediate annuity reserves which reduced interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$4.2 million, increased operating income and net income by \$2.7 million, increased operating income per common share and earnings per common share by \$0.05 per share and increased operating income per common share - assuming dilution and earnings per common share.

(c) Three months ended September 30, 2011 includes benefit from unlocking which reduced amortization of deferred sales inducements by \$7.3 million and amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs by \$12.1 million and increased operating income by \$12.5 million, operating income per common share by \$0.21 per share and operating income per common share - assuming dilution by \$0.20 per share. The unlocking benefit reduced the net loss, loss per common share and loss per common share - assuming dilution for the three months ended September 30, 2011 by \$9.1 million, \$0.15 and \$0.15, respectively.

### Capitalization/Book Value per Share

	September 30, 2011		December 31,		
	(Do	llars in thousands,	except pe	r share data)	
Capitalization:					
Notes payable	\$	340,552	\$	330,835	
Subordinated debentures payable to subsidiary trusts		268,552		268,435	
Total debt		609,104		599,270	
Total stockholders' equity		1,359,537		938,047	
Total capitalization		1,968,641		1,537,317	
Accumulated other comprehensive income income (AOCI)		(454,710)		(81,820)	
Total capitalization excluding AOCI (a)	\$	1,513,931	\$	1,455,497	
Total stockholders' equity	\$	1,359,537	\$	938,047	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(454,710)		(81,820)	
Total stockholders' equity excluding AOCI (a)	\$	904,827	\$	856,227	
Common shares outstanding (b)		59,009,319		58,377,233	
Book Value per Share: (c)					
Book value per share including AOCI	\$	23.04	\$	16.07	
Book value per share excluding AOCI (a)	\$	15.33	\$	14.67	
Debt-to-Capital Ratios: (d)					
Senior debt / Total capitalization		22.5%		22.7%	
Adjusted debt / Total capitalization		25.2%		26.2%	

- (a) Total capitalization, total stockholders' equity and book value per share excluding AOCI, non-GAAP financial measures, are based on stockholders' equity excluding the effect of AOCI. Since AOCI fluctuates from quarter to quarter due to unrealized changes in the fair value of available for sale investments, we believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful supplemental information.
- (b) Common shares outstanding include shares held by the NMO Deferred Compensation Trust: 2011 1,549,803 shares; 2010 1,855,835 shares and exclude unallocated shares held by ESOP: 2011 395,859 shares; 2010 447,048 shares.
- (c) Book value per share including and excluding AOCI is calculated as total stockholders' equity and total stockholders' equity excluding AOCI divided by the total number of shares of common stock outstanding.
- (d) Debt-to-capital ratios are computed using total capitalization excluding AOCI. Adjusted debt includes notes payable and the portion of the total subordinated debentures payable to subsidiary trusts outstanding (qualifying trust preferred securities) that exceeds 15% of total capitalization including AOCI.

## Annuity Deposits by Product Type

	Three Mor Septem	 	Nine Months Ended September 30,				-	ear Ended cember 31,
Product Type	2011	2010		2011	2010			2010
		(1						
Fixed Index Annuities:								
Index Strategies	\$ 701,796	\$ 581,907	\$	2,075,800	\$	1,530,269	\$	2,401,891
Fixed Strategy	317,091	387,066		986,724		1,091,296		1,551,007
	1,018,887	968,973		3,062,524		2,621,565		3,952,898
Fixed Rate Annuities:								
Single-Year Rate Guaranteed	37,195	35,492		118,084		93,277		160,077
Multi-Year Rate Guaranteed	116,768	169,641		279,407		295,526		384,116
Single premium immediate annuities	94,514	46,487		257,995		103,867		171,628
	248,477	251,620		655,486		492,670		715,821
Total before coinsurance ceded	 1,267,364	 1,220,593		3,718,010		3,114,235		4,668,719
Coinsurance ceded	94,412	143,225		230,620		402,297		478,963
Net after coinsurance ceded	\$ 1,172,952	\$ 1,077,368	\$	3,487,390	\$	2,711,938	\$	4,189,756

### Surrender Charge Protection and Account Values by Product Type

Annuity Surrender Charges and Net (of coinsurance) Account Values at September 30, 2011

	Surrender Charge				Net Account Value				
Product Type	Avg. Years At Issue	Avg. Years Remaining	Avg. % Remaining		Dollars in Fhousands	%			
Fixed Index Annuities	14.3	10.8	16.2%	\$	21,452,031	91.8%			
Single-Year Fixed Rate Guaranteed Annuities	11.1	4.6	7.8%		1,383,388	5.9%			
Multi-Year Fixed Rate Guaranteed Annuities	6.4	2.1	4.8%		532,215	2.3%			
Total	13.9	10.3	15.4%	\$	23,367,634	100.0%			

### **Annuity Liability Characteristics**

	Fixed Annuities count Value	-	Tixed Index Annuities ccount Value			
	 (Dollars in thousands)					
SURRENDER CHARGE PERCENTAGES (1):						
No surrender charge	\$ 411,074	\$	415,330			
0.0% < 2.0%	34,678		46,064			
2.0% < 3.0%	171,239		129,279			
3.0% < 4.0%	41,118		363,024			
4.0% < 5.0%	179,964		338,294			
5.0% < 6.0%	22,032		291,542			
6.0% < 7.0%	54,467		208,121			
7.0% < 8.0%	180,658		310,457			
8.0% < 9.0%	208,227		402,672			
9.0% < 10.0%	171,874		765,252			
10.0% or greater	440,272		18,181,996			
	\$ 1,915,603	\$	21,452,031			

	F A	Fixed and Fixed Index Annuities count Value	Weighted Average Surrender Charge	
		Dollars in housands)		
SURRENDER CHARGE EXPIRATION BY YEAR:				
Out of Surrender Charge	\$	826,404	0.00%	
2011		60,440	2.15%	
2012		380,392	2.48%	
2013		544,059	3.63%	
2014		583,186	4.87%	
2015		616,136	6.61%	
2016		852,703	8.04%	
2017		981,159	9.16%	
2018		884,195	11.42%	
2019		600,368	11.91%	
2020		936,930	13.34%	
2021		1,040,018	14.68%	
2022		1,086,886	16.70%	
2023		3,967,805	19.26%	
2024		4,269,884	19.38%	
2025		2,673,900	19.39%	
2026		1,753,009	19.64%	
2027		1,296,726	19.99%	
2028		13,434	20.00%	
	\$	23,367,634	15.43%	

#### **Annuity Liability Characteristics**

	Fixed Annuities count Value	Fixed Index Annuities Account Value		
	 (Dollars in	thousa	nds)	
APPLICABLE GUARANTEE PERIOD:				
Annual reset (2)	\$ 1,662,725	\$	21,440,257	
Multi-year (3 - 7 years)	252,878		11,774	
	\$ 1,915,603	\$	21,452,031	
ULTIMATE MINIMUM GUARANTEE RATE:				
1.50%	\$ 65,868	\$	2,503,215	
2.00%	410,479		1,185	
2.20%	4,397		73,293	
2.25%	10,923		5,424,756	
2.25% (3)	179,829		931,695	
3.00% (4)	1,184,673		1,269,759	
3.00% (5)	—		11,164,060	
3.50% (6)			84,068	
4.00%	 59,434			
	\$ 1,915,603	\$	21,452,031	

CREDITED RATE (INCLUDING BONUS INTEREST) VS. ULTIMATE MINIMUM GUARANTEED RATE DIFFERENTIAL

<u>(7).</u>		
No differential	\$ 103,209	\$ 24,301
> 0.0% - 0.25%	841,481	974,400
> 0.25% - 0.5%	127,585	350,789
→ 0.5% - 1.0% (8)	332,289	1,093,482
> 1.0% - 1.5% (8)	142,721	28,743
> 1.5% - 2.0%	149,915	37,156
> 2.0% - 2.5%	6,290	—
> 2.5% - 3.0%	68,314	_
1.50% ultimate guarantee - 2.15% wtd avg interest rate (9)	34,982	656,675
2.00% ultimate guarantee - 2.82% wtd avg interest rate (9)	108,817	_
2.25% ultimate guarantee - 2.88% wtd avg interest rate (9)		1,510,623
3.00% ultimate guarantee - 3.13% wtd avg interest rate (9)		3,039,277
Cumulative floor		13,736,585
	\$ 1,915,603	\$ 21,452,031

(1) In addition, \$931,184 (48.6%) of the Fixed Annuities Account Value have market value adjustment protection.

- (2) The contract features for substantially all of the Fixed Index Annuities Account Value provide for the annual reset of contractual features that effect the cost of money. The contract features for less than 0.5% of the Fixed Index Annuities Account Value are reset every two years.
- (3) Products have a guarantee of 2.25% for the first 10 years, and 3.00% thereafter.
- (4) Products have a guarantee of 3.00% on 100% of the premium.
- (5) Products have a guarantee of 3.00% on less than 100% of the premium.
- (6) Rates applicable to the minimum guaranteed surrender value are 3.50% for the first 5 years, and 3.00% thereafter (applied to less than 100% of the annuity deposits received). Minimum guaranteed rates for amounts allocated to the fixed rate strategy are 2.25% for the first 10 years, and 3.00% thereafter.
- (7) Recent issues may contain bonus interest rates ranging from 1.0% to 3.0%.
- (8) \$179,829 of Fixed Annuities Account Value have a guarantee of 2.25% for the first 10 years and 3.00% thereafter. They begin increasing in 2014. \$638,462 of Index Annuities Account Value is in fixed rate strategies that have a guarantee of 2.25% for the first 10 years and 3.00% thereafter. They begin increasing in 2014.
- (9) The minimum guaranteed interest rate for the fixed rate or the fixed rate strategy is 1.00%. The ultimate guaranteed rate is applied on less than 100% of the premium.

# Spread Results

Three Months Ended September 30,			Year Ended December 31,	
2011	2010	2011	2010	2010
5.70%	5.98%	5.81%	6.08%	6.06%
2.75%	2.89%	2.77%	2.92%	2.91%
2.70%	2.84%	2.72%	2.87%	2.86%
3.16%	3.26%	3.17%	3.26%	3.26%
3.63%	3.74%	3.66%	3.75%	3.74%
2.95%	3.09%	3.04%	3.16%	3.15%
3.00%	3.14%	3.09%	3.21%	3.20%
2.54%	2.72%	2.64%	2.82%	2.80%
2.07%	2.24%	2.15%	2.33%	2.32%
	Septem   2011   5.70%   2.75%   2.70%   3.16%   3.63%   2.95%   3.00%   2.54%	September 30,   2011 2010   5.70% 5.98%   2.75% 2.89%   2.70% 2.84%   3.16% 3.26%   3.63% 3.74%   2.95% 3.09%   3.00% 3.14%   2.54% 2.72%	September 30, Septem   2011 2010 2011   5.70% 5.98% 5.81%   2.75% 2.89% 2.77%   2.70% 2.84% 2.72%   3.16% 3.26% 3.17%   3.63% 3.74% 3.66%   2.95% 3.09% 3.04%   3.00% 3.14% 3.09%   2.54% 2.72% 2.64%	September 30, September 30,   2011 2010 2011 2010   5.70% 5.98% 5.81% 6.08%   2.75% 2.89% 2.77% 2.92%   2.70% 2.84% 2.72% 2.87%   3.16% 3.26% 3.17% 3.26%   3.63% 3.74% 3.66% 3.75%   2.95% 3.09% 3.04% 3.16%   3.00% 3.14% 3.09% 3.21%   2.54% 2.72% 2.64% 2.82%

## **Summary of Invested Assets**

	September 30, 2011				December 31, 2010		
		Carrying Amount	Percent		Carrying Amount	Percent	
			(Dollars in	thou	sands)		
Fixed maturity securities:							
United States Government full faith and credit	\$	4,681	%	\$	4,388	%	
United States Government sponsored agencies		3,984,317	17.0%		3,750,065	18.9%	
United States municipalities, states and territories		3,157,337	13.5%		2,367,003	12.0%	
Corporate securities		9,833,201	42.0%		7,448,323	37.6%	
Residential mortgage backed securities		2,841,189	12.1%		2,878,557	14.5%	
Other asset backed securities		385,548	1.7%		204,527	1.0%	
Total fixed maturity securities		20,206,273	86.3%		16,652,863	84.0%	
Equity securities		65,401	0.4%		65,961	0.4%	
Mortgage loans on real estate		2,838,893	12.1%		2,598,641	13.1%	
Derivative instruments		171,905	0.7%		479,786	2.4%	
Other investments		112,876	0.5%		19,680	0.1%	
	\$	23,395,348	100.0%	\$	19,816,931	100.0%	

### Credit Quality of Fixed Maturity Securities - September 30, 2011

NAIC Designation	 Carrying Amount	Percent	Rating Agency Rating	Carrying Amount	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)			(Dollars in thousands)	
1	\$ 15,201,291	75.2%	Aaa/Aa/A	\$ 14,255,638	70.5%
2	4,771,912	23.7%	Baa	4,603,201	22.8%
3	214,317	1.1%	Ba	261,170	1.3%
4	9,041	%	В	134,617	0.7%
5	5,861	%	Caa and lower	859,306	4.2%
6	3,851	%	In or near default	92,341	0.5%
	\$ 20,206,273	100.0%		\$ 20,206,273	100.0%

# Watch List Securities - September 30, 2011

General Description	Ar	nortized Cost (1	Unreal Gair Dollars in t	ns	Fair Value	Months Below Amortized Cost
Corporate bonds:						
Finance company	\$	4,019	\$	30	\$ 4,049	)

## **Summary of Residential Mortgage Backed Securities**

Collateral Type	Principal Amount		Amortized Cost		Fair Value	
		(Do	ollar	∙s in thousar	ıds)	
OTTI has not been recognized						
Government agency	\$	528,695	\$	470,225	\$	570,938
Prime		1,332,179		1,266,213		1,322,637
Alt-A		46,456		47,167		48,490
	\$	1,907,330	\$	1,783,605	\$	1,942,065
OTTI has been recognized					_	
Prime	\$	627,137	\$	566,127	\$	541,984
Alt-A		482,352		398,128		357,140
	\$	1,109,489	\$	964,255	\$	899,124
Total by collateral type						
Government agency	\$	528,695	\$	470,225	\$	570,938
Prime		1,959,316		1,832,340		1,864,621
Alt-A		528,808		445,295		405,630
	\$	3,016,819	\$	2,747,860	\$	2,841,189
Total by NAIC designation			-		_	
1	\$	2,756,575	\$	2,509,172	\$	2,616,848
2		232,951		213,838		202,229
3		22,930		21,781		20,017
6		4,363		3,069		2,095
	\$	3,016,819	\$	2,747,860	\$	2,841,189

## Mortgage Loans by Region and Property Type

	September 30, 2011			December 31, 2010			
	Carrying Amount	Percent		Carrying Amount	Percent		
		(Dollars in	thous	sands)			
Geographic distribution							
East	\$ 714,735	24.9%	\$	618,250	23.6%		
Middle Atlantic	178,842	6.2%		172,443	6.6%		
Mountain	410,779	14.3%		402,965	15.4%		
New England	42,974	1.5%		42,695	1.6%		
Pacific	308,788	10.8%		247,254	9.5%		
South Atlantic	494,149	17.2%		496,606	19.0%		
West North Central	479,750	16.7%		419,002	16.0%		
West South Central	239,687	8.4%		215,650	8.3%		
	 2,869,704	100.0%	_	2,614,865	100.0%		
Loan loss allowance	(30,811)			(16,224)			
	\$ 2,838,893		\$	2,598,641			
Property type distribution							
Office	\$ 766,184	26.7%	\$	683,404	26.1%		
Medical Office	173,406	6.0%		166,930	6.4%		
Retail	644,240	22.5%		589,369	22.5%		
Industrial/Warehouse	707,523	24.7%		666,908	25.6%		
Hotel	140,374	4.9%		151,516	5.8%		
Apartment	187,399	6.5%		131,682	5.0%		
Mixed use/other	250,578	8.7%		225,056	8.6%		
	2,869,704	100.0%		2,614,865	100.0%		
Loan loss allowance	(30,811)			(16,224)			
	\$ 2,838,893		\$	2,598,641			

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New York Stock Exchange symbol: "AEL"

	High	Low	Close	Dividend Declared
2011				
First Quarter	\$13.93	\$11.27	\$13.12	\$0.00
Second Quarter	\$13.53	\$11.91	\$12.71	\$0.00
Third Quarter	\$13.22	\$8.01	\$8.75	\$0.00
2010				
First Quarter	\$10.99	\$6.65	\$10.65	\$0.00
Second Quarter	\$11.64	\$8.53	\$10.32	\$0.00
Third Quarter	\$11.19	\$9.19	\$10.24	\$0.00
Fourth Quarter	\$13.01	\$10.11	\$12.55	\$0.10
2009				
First Quarter	\$7.40	\$2.96	\$4.16	\$0.00
Second Quarter	\$8.86	\$4.01	\$5.58	\$0.00
Third Quarter	\$8.65	\$5.24	\$7.02	\$0.00
Fourth Quarter	\$8.40	\$6.10	\$7.44	\$0.08

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