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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 6, 2017

**AMERICAN EQUITY
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Iowa
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-31911
(Commission File Number)

42-1447959
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

50266
(Zip Code)

(515) 221-0002
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On November 6, 2017, the registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2017, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The registrant's financial supplement for the quarter ended September 30, 2017, is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information, including exhibits attached hereto, furnished under this Item 2.02 shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished with this Form 8-K.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated November 6, 2017, announcing American Equity Investment Life Holding Company's financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2017. |
| 99.2 | American Equity Investment Life Holding Company's Financial Supplement for the quarter ended September 30, 2017. |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 6, 2017

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By: /s/ John M. Matovina

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Chief Executive Officer and President

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 6, 2017

American Equity Reports Third Quarter 2017 Results

Company Highlights

- Third quarter 2017 net income of \$57.0 million or \$0.63 per diluted common share
- Third quarter 2017 non-GAAP operating income¹ of \$87.2 million or \$0.96 per diluted common share
- Third quarter 2017 annuity sales of \$915 million, down 41% from third quarter 2016
- Policyholder funds under management of \$47.6 billion, up 1.5% from June 30, 2017 and 7.1% from September 30, 2016
- Third quarter 2017 investment spread of 2.70%
- Estimated risk-based capital ratio of 375% compared to 342% at December 31, 2016

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa (November 6, 2017) - American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (NYSE: AEL), a leading issuer of fixed index annuities, today reported third quarter 2017 net income of \$57.0 million, or \$0.63 per diluted common share, compared to net loss of \$7.4 million, or \$0.09 per diluted common share, for third quarter 2016.

Non-GAAP operating income¹ for the third quarter of 2017 was \$87.2 million, or \$0.96 per diluted common share, compared to non-GAAP operating loss¹ of \$4.7 million, or \$0.05 per diluted common share, for third quarter 2016. On a trailing twelve month basis, non-GAAP operating¹ return on average equity¹ was 13.5% based upon reported results and 12.3% excluding the impact of assumption revisions in the third quarter of 2017 and losses on extinguishment of debt.

Third quarter 2017 net income and non-GAAP operating income¹ were positively affected by \$39.2 million (\$0.44 per diluted common share) and \$34.4 million (\$0.38 per diluted common share), respectively, for revisions to assumptions utilized in the determination of deferred policy acquisition costs, deferred sales inducements and the liability for future benefits to be paid under lifetime income benefit riders. Net loss and non-GAAP operating loss¹ for the third quarter of 2016 were negatively affected by \$52.9 million (\$0.61 per diluted common share) and \$52.6 million (\$0.60 per diluted common share), respectively, for similar assumption revisions.

In addition, third quarter 2017 net income and non-GAAP operating income¹ were negatively affected by a \$10.8 million (\$0.12 per diluted common share) loss on redemption of the 6.625% Notes due in 2021.

POLICYHOLDER FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT UP 1.5% ON \$915 MILLION OF SALES

Policyholder funds under management at September 30, 2017 were \$47.6 billion, a \$693 million or 1.5% increase from June 30, 2017. Third quarter sales were \$915 million before coinsurance ceded and \$833 million after coinsurance ceded. Gross sales and net sales for the quarter were down substantially from third quarter 2016 sales. On a sequential basis, both gross and net sales declined 22%.

Total sales by independent agents for American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company (American Equity Life) decreased 22% sequentially while total sales by broker-dealers and banks for Eagle Life Insurance Company (Eagle Life) fell by \$43 million or 23% sequentially. Sales of fixed index annuities (FIAs) were down 22% sequentially to \$872 million with decreases at both Eagle Life and American Equity Life.

Commenting on sales, John Matovina, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said: "Sales were down substantially on a year-over-year basis as third quarter 2016 sales benefited from a high level of multi-year guaranteed annuity (MYGA) sales. The relatively smaller decline in net sales compared to gross sales reflects both significantly lower volumes of MYGA products which are substantially coinsured as well as a reduction in the coinsured portion of Eagle Life's FIA product sales from 80% to 50%. In July, we lowered lifetime monthly income benefits on our most popular guaranteed income products and discontinued offering a "no-fee" lifetime income rider to recognize lower valuation interest rates used to compute statutory reserves for policies issued in 2017 compared to policies issued in 2016. We anticipated similar changes from our competitors which did not materialize, and we began to experience declining sales levels soon after these changes."

Commenting on the market environment and the outlook for FIA sales, Matovina added: "We believe low interest rates and the continuation of the equity bull market are the biggest headwinds for sales. We continue to see a shift in emphasis on the part of independent agents from guaranteed income products to accumulation products focused on upside potential. The market in each of our distribution channels remained competitive in the third quarter although we have recently seen downward adjustments in both the accumulation and guaranteed income spaces by significant competitors."

Matovina continued: "In September, we raised the income account value growth rate on our guaranteed income products back to the levels prevailing before the early July adjustments. In addition, we raised caps and participation rates on our non-bonus products, and we now offer some of the highest participation rates in the market for annual reset fixed indexed annuities. In October, we introduced a new lifetime income benefit rider for our Foundation Gold fixed index annuity which now offers highly competitive monthly income with the lowest fee levels in the market. We also reintroduced a no-fee lifetime income benefit rider for Foundation Gold; our previous no-fee rider had been very popular with agents. Despite the current challenges facing the FIA market, we believe the long-term outlook for FIA sales remains favorable driven by well understood demographic factors, and we are positioned well to fully participate in that growth."

INVESTMENT SPREAD HOLDS STEADY

American Equity's investment spread was 2.70% for the third quarter of 2017 compared to 2.72% for the second quarter of 2017 and 2.57% for the third quarter of 2016. On a sequential basis, the average yield on invested assets declined by two basis points while the cost of money was unchanged.

Average yield on invested assets fell to 4.43% for the third quarter of 2017 compared to 4.45% for the second quarter of 2017 reflecting a decline in the benefit from fee income from bond transactions, prepayment income and other non-trendable investment income items to five basis points in the third quarter of 2017 from eight basis points in the second quarter of 2017. The average yield on fixed income securities purchased and commercial mortgage loans funded in the third quarter of 2017 was 4.39% compared to 3.96% in the second quarter of 2017 and 4.13% in the first quarter of 2017.

The aggregate cost of money for annuity liabilities of 1.73% in the third quarter of 2017 was unchanged from 1.73% in the second quarter of 2017. The benefit from over hedging the obligations for index linked interest was six basis points in both the third and second quarters of 2017.

Commenting on investment spread, Matovina said: "Third quarter spread results were enhanced by over hedging benefits and fee income from bond transactions and prepayment income, but, excluding such items, were stable relative to second quarter results. We are working diligently to increase the yield on our investment portfolio and have identified opportunities that meet our high credit quality parameters. We continue to have flexibility to reduce our crediting rates, if necessary, and could decrease our cost of money by approximately 0.47% through further reductions in renewal rates to guaranteed minimums should the investment yields currently available to us persist."

CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements relate to future operations, strategies, financial results or other developments, and are subject to assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Statements such as "guidance", "expect", "anticipate", "believe", "goal", "objective", "target", "may", "should", "estimate", "projects" or similar words as well as specific projections of future results qualify as forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause our actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by these forward looking statements can be found in the company's Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statement was made and the company undertakes no obligation to update such forward-looking statements. There can be no assurance that other factors not currently anticipated by the company will not materially and adversely affect our results of operations. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf.

CONFERENCE CALL

American Equity will hold a conference call to discuss third quarter 2017 earnings on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. CT. The conference call will be webcast live on the Internet. Investors and interested parties who wish to listen to the call on the Internet may do so at www.american-equity.com.

The call may also be accessed by telephone at 855-865-0606, passcode 97593449 (international callers, please dial 704-859-4382). An audio replay will be available shortly after the call on AEL's website. An audio replay will also be available via telephone through November 14, 2017 at 855-859-2056, passcode 97593449 (international callers will need to dial 404-537-3406).

ABOUT AMERICAN EQUITY

American Equity Investment Life Holding Company, through its wholly-owned operating subsidiaries, issues fixed annuity and life insurance products, with a primary emphasis on the sale of fixed index and fixed rate annuities. American Equity Investment Life Holding Company, a New York Stock Exchange Listed company (NYSE: AEL), is headquartered in West Des Moines, Iowa. For more information, please visit www.american-equity.com.

1 Use of non-GAAP financial measures is discussed in this release in the tables that follow the text of the release.

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Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Premiums and other considerations | \$ 8,569 | \$ 12,731 | \$ 25,691 | \$ 31,534 |
| Annuity product charges | 51,931 | 47,675 | 144,106 | 125,304 |
| Net investment income | 500,202 | 463,583 | 1,479,288 | 1,374,239 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives | 362,525 | 103,794 | 1,015,878 | 68,828 |
| Net realized gains on investments, excluding other than temporary impairment ("OTTI") losses | 1,579 | 5,256 | 7,790 | 10,680 |
| OTTI losses on investments: | | | | |
| Total OTTI losses | (273) | (4,554) | (273) | (11,334) |
| Portion of OTTI losses recognized in (from) other comprehensive income | (191) | 1,575 | (1,281) | (1,785) |
| Net OTTI losses recognized in operations | (464) | (2,979) | (1,554) | (13,119) |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | (18,389) | — | (18,817) | — |
| Total revenues | 905,953 | 630,060 | 2,652,382 | 1,597,466 |
| Benefits and expenses: | | | | |
| Insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits | 10,823 | 15,065 | 32,684 | 37,567 |
| Interest sensitive and index product benefits | 501,028 | 278,943 | 1,392,763 | 487,735 |
| Amortization of deferred sales inducements | 14,707 | 69,245 | 110,727 | 127,396 |
| Change in fair value of embedded derivatives | 229,702 | 144,404 | 628,845 | 694,564 |
| Interest expense on notes and loan payable | 7,597 | 6,887 | 23,997 | 20,649 |
| Interest expense on subordinated debentures | 3,502 | 3,253 | 10,260 | 9,627 |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs | 23,023 | 98,108 | 162,248 | 198,486 |
| Other operating costs and expenses | 28,782 | 25,133 | 82,325 | 78,786 |
| Total benefits and expenses | 819,164 | 641,038 | 2,443,849 | 1,654,810 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 86,789 | (10,978) | 208,533 | (57,344) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 29,832 | (3,558) | 70,691 | (19,791) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 56,957 | \$ (7,420) | \$ 137,842 | \$ (37,553) |
| | | | | |
| Earnings (loss) per common share | \$ 0.64 | \$ (0.09) | \$ 1.55 | \$ (0.45) |
| Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution | \$ 0.63 | \$ (0.09) | \$ 1.53 | \$ (0.45) |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands): | | | | |
| Earnings (loss) per common share | 89,069 | 86,262 | 88,873 | 83,645 |
| Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution | 90,421 | 87,044 | 90,171 | 84,413 |

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

In addition to net income (loss), the Company has consistently utilized non-GAAP operating income (loss) and non-GAAP operating income (loss) per common share - assuming dilution, non-GAAP financial measures commonly used in the life insurance industry, as economic measures to evaluate its financial performance. Non-GAAP operating income (loss) equals net income (loss) adjusted to eliminate the impact of items that fluctuate from quarter to quarter in a manner unrelated to core operations, and the Company believes measures excluding their impact are useful in analyzing operating trends. The most significant adjustments to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss) eliminate the impact of fair value accounting for the Company's fixed index annuity business and are not economic in nature but rather impact the timing of reported results. The Company believes the combined presentation and evaluation of non-GAAP operating income (loss) together with net income (loss) provides information that may enhance an investor's understanding of its underlying results and profitability.

Reconciliation from Net Income (Loss) to Non-GAAP Operating Income (Loss) (Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 56,957 | \$ (7,420) | \$ 137,842 | \$ (37,553) |
| Adjustments to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss): (a) | | | | |
| Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI | (916) | (1,008) | (4,417) | 752 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities | 47,835 | 9,400 | 116,383 | 160,078 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives - debt | (357) | (1,049) | (139) | 2,483 |
| Litigation reserve | — | (1,957) | — | (1,957) |
| Income taxes | (16,281) | (2,689) | (39,127) | (57,426) |
| Non-GAAP operating income (loss) | <u>\$ 87,238</u> | <u>\$ (4,723)</u> | <u>\$ 210,542</u> | <u>\$ 66,377</u> |
| Per common share - assuming dilution: | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 0.63 | \$ (0.09) | \$ 1.53 | \$ (0.45) |
| Adjustments to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss): | | | | |
| Anti-dilutive effect of net loss | — | — | — | 0.01 |
| Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.05) | 0.01 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities | 0.52 | 0.11 | 1.29 | 1.89 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives - debt | — | (0.01) | — | 0.03 |
| Litigation reserve | — | (0.02) | — | (0.02) |
| Income taxes | (0.18) | (0.03) | (0.44) | (0.68) |
| Non-GAAP operating income (loss) | <u>\$ 0.96</u> | <u>\$ (0.05)</u> | <u>\$ 2.33</u> | <u>\$ 0.79</u> |

(a) Adjustments to net income (loss) to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss) are presented net of related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements (DSI) and deferred policy acquisition costs (DAC) where applicable.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Average Stockholders' Equity and Return on Average Equity (Unaudited)

Return on average equity measures how efficiently the Company generates profits from the resources provided by its net assets. Return on average equity is calculated by dividing net income and non-GAAP operating income for the trailing twelve months by average equity excluding average accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"). The Company excludes AOCI because AOCI fluctuates from quarter to quarter due to unrealized changes in the fair value of available for sale investments.

| | Twelve Months Ended | |
|---|------------------------|-----------|
| | September 30, 2017 | |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Average Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Average equity including average AOCI | \$ | 2,787,765 |
| Average AOCI | | (811,644) |
| Average equity excluding average AOCI | \$ | 1,976,121 |
| | | |
| Net income | \$ | 258,638 |
| Non-GAAP operating income | | 266,509 |
| | | |
| Return on Average Equity Excluding Average AOCI | | |
| Net income | | 13.09% |
| Non-GAAP operating income | | 13.49% |

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A. Financial Highlights

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

| | <u>September 30, 2017</u> | <u>December 31, 2016</u> |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Investments: | | |
| Fixed maturity securities: | | |
| Available for sale, at fair value | \$ 44,601,297 | \$ 41,060,494 |
| Held for investment, at amortized cost | 76,986 | 76,825 |
| Mortgage loans on real estate | 2,611,426 | 2,480,956 |
| Derivative instruments | 1,235,125 | 830,519 |
| Other investments | 328,299 | 308,774 |
| Total investments | 48,853,133 | 44,757,568 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1,285,662 | 791,266 |
| Coinsurance deposits | 4,758,417 | 4,639,492 |
| Accrued investment income | 439,182 | 397,773 |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs | 2,757,130 | 2,905,377 |
| Deferred sales inducements | 2,054,494 | 2,208,218 |
| Deferred income taxes | 35,524 | 168,578 |
| Income taxes recoverable | 11,067 | 11,474 |
| Other assets | 185,106 | 173,726 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 60,379,715</u> | <u>\$ 56,053,472</u> |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Policy benefit reserves | \$ 54,935,694 | \$ 51,637,026 |
| Other policy funds and contract claims | 284,149 | 298,347 |
| Notes and loan payable | 493,972 | 493,755 |
| Subordinated debentures | 242,145 | 241,853 |
| Amounts due under repurchase agreements | 23,542 | — |
| Other liabilities | 1,637,546 | 1,090,896 |
| Total liabilities | 57,617,048 | 53,761,877 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock | 88,934 | 88,001 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 783,116 | 770,344 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 659,491 | 339,966 |
| Retained earnings | 1,231,126 | 1,093,284 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 2,762,667 | 2,291,595 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | <u>\$ 60,379,715</u> | <u>\$ 56,053,472</u> |

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

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| Income tax expense (benefit) | 29,832 | (3,558) | 70,691 | (19,791) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 56,957 | \$ (7,420) | \$ 137,842 | \$ (37,553) |
| Earnings (loss) per common share | | | | |
| Earnings (loss) per common share | \$ 0.64 | \$ (0.09) | \$ 1.55 | \$ (0.45) |
| Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution | \$ 0.63 | \$ (0.09) | \$ 1.53 | \$ (0.45) |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands): | | | | |
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AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY
Financial Supplement - September 30, 2017

Quarterly Summary - Most Recent 5 Quarters (Unaudited)

| | Q3 2017 | Q2 2017 | Q1 2017 | Q4 2016 | Q3 2016 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) | | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Traditional life insurance premiums | \$ 2,832 | \$ 2,590 | \$ 2,790 | \$ 2,767 | \$ 2,147 |
| Life contingent immediate annuity considerations | 5,737 | 5,130 | 6,612 | 9,466 | 10,584 |
| Surrender charges | 13,521 | 13,896 | 13,634 | 11,196 | 13,819 |
| Lifetime income benefit rider fees | 38,410 | 34,707 | 29,938 | 37,079 | 33,856 |
| Net investment income | 500,202 | 493,489 | 485,597 | 475,633 | 463,583 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives | 362,525 | 266,820 | 386,533 | 95,391 | 103,794 |
| Net realized gains on investments, excluding OTTI | 1,579 | 3,873 | 2,338 | 844 | 5,256 |
| Net OTTI losses recognized in operations | (464) | (949) | (141) | (9,560) | (2,979) |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt (a) | (18,389) | (428) | — | — | — |
| Total revenues | 905,953 | 819,128 | 927,301 | 622,816 | 630,060 |
| Benefits and expenses: | | | | | |
| Traditional life insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits | 1,898 | 2,020 | 2,185 | 2,026 | 1,348 |
| Life contingent immediate annuity benefits and change in future policy benefits | 8,925 | 7,966 | 9,690 | 12,890 | 13,717 |
| Interest sensitive and index product benefits (b) | 501,028 | 472,596 | 419,139 | 237,737 | 278,943 |
| Amortization of deferred sales inducements (c) | 14,707 | 33,695 | 62,325 | 123,770 | 69,245 |
| Change in fair value of embedded derivatives | 229,702 | 174,973 | 224,170 | (151,099) | 144,404 |
| Interest expense on notes and loan payable | 7,597 | 8,678 | 7,722 | 7,599 | 6,887 |
| Interest expense on subordinated debentures | 3,502 | 3,422 | 3,336 | 3,331 | 3,253 |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs (c) | 23,023 | 49,547 | 89,678 | 175,526 | 98,108 |
| Other operating costs and expenses (d) | 28,782 | 25,964 | 27,579 | 23,445 | 25,133 |
| Total benefits and expenses | 819,164 | 778,861 | 845,824 | 435,225 | 641,038 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 86,789 | 40,267 | 81,477 | 187,591 | (10,978) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 29,832 | 13,321 | 27,538 | 66,795 | (3,558) |
| Net income (loss) (a)(b)(c)(d) | \$ 56,957 | \$ 26,946 | \$ 53,939 | \$ 120,796 | \$ (7,420) |
| Earnings (loss) per common share | \$ 0.64 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.61 | \$ 1.37 | \$ (0.09) |
| Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution (a)(b)(c)(d) | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 1.35 | \$ (0.09) |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands): | | | | | |
| Earnings (loss) per common share | 89,069 | 88,897 | 88,647 | 88,211 | 86,262 |
| Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution | 90,421 | 90,112 | 89,976 | 89,178 | 87,044 |

(a) Q3 2017 includes a loss on the extinguishment of our 6.625% Notes due in 2021. The loss decreased net income and earnings per common share - assuming dilution by \$10.8 million and \$0.12 per share, respectively.

(b) Q3 2017 includes expense from the revision of assumptions used in determining reserves held for lifetime income benefit riders. The impact increased interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$21.6 million and decreased net income and earnings per common share - assuming dilution by \$13.9 million and \$0.15 per share, respectively.

Q3 2016 includes expense from the revision of assumptions used in determining reserves held for lifetime income benefit riders. The impact increased interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$42.0 million and increased the net loss and loss per common share - assuming dilution by \$27.1 million and \$0.31 per share, respectively.

(c) Q3 2017 includes a benefit from unlocking which reduced amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs by \$34.3 million and \$48.2 million, respectively, and increased net income and earnings per common share - assuming dilution by \$53.1 million and \$0.59 per share, respectively.

Q3 2016 includes expense from unlocking which increased amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs by \$17.9 million and \$22.1 million, respectively, and increased the net loss and loss per common share- assuming dilution by \$25.8 million and \$0.30 per share, respectively.

(d) Q3 2016 includes a benefit of \$2.8 million based upon developments in the claims process associated with a lawsuit settlement, which after related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs and income taxes, decreased the net loss and loss per common share - assuming dilution by \$1.1 million and \$0.01 per share, respectively.

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In addition to net income (loss), we have consistently utilized non-GAAP operating income (loss) and non-GAAP operating income (loss) per common share - assuming dilution, non-GAAP financial measures commonly used in the life insurance industry, as economic measures to evaluate our financial performance. Non-GAAP operating income (loss) equals net income (loss) adjusted to eliminate the impact of items that fluctuate from quarter to quarter in a manner unrelated to core operations, and we believe measures excluding their impact are useful in analyzing operating trends. The most significant adjustments to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss) eliminate the impact of fair value accounting for our fixed index annuity business and are not economic in nature but rather impact the timing of reported results. We believe the combined presentation and evaluation of non-GAAP operating income (loss) together with net income (loss) provides information that may enhance an investor's understanding of our underlying results and profitability.

Reconciliation from Net Income (Loss) to Non-GAAP Operating Income (Loss) (Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|---|-------------------|--|------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 56,957 | \$ (7,420) | \$ 137,842 | \$ (37,553) |
| Adjustments to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss): (a) | | | | |
| Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI | (916) | (1,008) | (4,417) | 752 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities | 47,835 | 9,400 | 116,383 | 160,078 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives - debt | (357) | (1,049) | (139) | 2,483 |
| Litigation reserve | — | (1,957) | — | (1,957) |
| Income taxes | (16,281) | (2,689) | (39,127) | (57,426) |
| Non-GAAP operating income (loss) | <u>\$ 87,238</u> | <u>\$ (4,723)</u> | <u>\$ 210,542</u> | <u>\$ 66,377</u> |
| Per common share - assuming dilution: | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 0.63 | \$ (0.09) | \$ 1.53 | \$ (0.45) |
| Adjustments to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss): | | | | |
| Anti-dilutive effect of net loss | — | — | — | 0.01 |
| Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.05) | 0.01 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities | 0.52 | 0.11 | 1.29 | 1.89 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives - debt | — | (0.01) | — | 0.03 |
| Litigation reserve | — | (0.02) | — | (0.02) |
| Income taxes | (0.18) | (0.03) | (0.44) | (0.68) |
| Non-GAAP operating income (loss) | <u>\$ 0.96</u> | <u>\$ (0.05)</u> | <u>\$ 2.33</u> | <u>\$ 0.79</u> |

(a) Adjustments to net income (loss) to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss) are presented net of related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements (DSI) and deferred policy acquisition costs (DAC) where applicable.

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Summary of Adjustments to Arrive at Non-GAAP Operating Income (Loss) (Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| Net realized investment gains and losses, including OTTI: | | | | |
| Net realized (gains) losses on investments, including OTTI | \$ (1,115) | \$ (2,277) | \$ (6,236) | \$ 2,439 |
| Amortization of DAC and DSI | 199 | 1,269 | 1,819 | (1,687) |
| Income taxes | 326 | 358 | 1,572 | (267) |
| | <u>\$ (590)</u> | <u>\$ (650)</u> | <u>\$ (2,845)</u> | <u>\$ 485</u> |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives: | | | | |
| Index annuities | \$ 99,909 | \$ 29,145 | \$ 262,635 | \$ 345,469 |
| Interest rate caps and swap | (357) | (1,049) | (139) | 2,483 |
| Amortization of DAC and DSI | (52,074) | (19,745) | (146,252) | (185,391) |
| Income taxes | (16,607) | (3,742) | (40,699) | (57,854) |
| | <u>\$ 30,871</u> | <u>\$ 4,609</u> | <u>\$ 75,545</u> | <u>\$ 104,707</u> |
| Litigation reserve: | | | | |
| Change in litigation reserve recorded in other operating costs | \$ — | \$ (2,829) | \$ — | \$ (2,829) |
| Amortization of DAC and DSI | — | 872 | — | 872 |
| Income taxes | — | 695 | — | 695 |
| | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ (1,262)</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ (1,262)</u> |

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Quarterly Summary - Most Recent 5 Quarters (Unaudited)

Reconciliation from Net Income (Loss) to Non-GAAP Operating Income (Loss)

| | Q3 2017 | | Q2 2017 | | Q1 2017 | | Q4 2016 | | Q3 2016 | |
|--|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) | | | | | | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 56,957 | \$ | 26,946 | \$ | 53,939 | \$ | 120,796 | \$ | (7,420) |
| Adjustments to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss): (a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI | | (916) | | (1,559) | | (1,942) | | 6,436 | | (1,008) |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities | | 47,835 | | 57,571 | | 10,977 | | (103,444) | | 9,400 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives - debt | | (357) | | 465 | | (247) | | (3,748) | | (1,049) |
| Litigation reserve | | — | | — | | — | | — | | (1,957) |
| Income taxes | | (16,281) | | (19,741) | | (3,105) | | 35,927 | | (2,689) |
| Non-GAAP operating income (loss) (b)(c)(d) | \$ | 87,238 | \$ | 63,682 | \$ | 59,622 | \$ | 55,967 | \$ | (4,723) |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Per common share - assuming dilution: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 0.63 | \$ | 0.30 | \$ | 0.60 | \$ | 1.35 | \$ | (0.09) |
| Adjustments to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss): | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anti-dilutive effect of net loss | | — | | — | | — | | — | | — |
| Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI | | (0.01) | | (0.02) | | (0.02) | | 0.07 | | (0.01) |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities | | 0.52 | | 0.64 | | 0.12 | | (1.16) | | 0.11 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives - debt | | — | | 0.01 | | — | | (0.04) | | (0.01) |
| Litigation reserve | | — | | — | | — | | — | | (0.02) |
| Income taxes | | (0.18) | | (0.22) | | (0.04) | | 0.41 | | (0.03) |
| Non-GAAP operating income (loss) (b)(c)(d) | \$ | 0.96 | \$ | 0.71 | \$ | 0.66 | \$ | 0.63 | \$ | (0.05) |

(a) Adjustments to net income (loss) to arrive at non-GAAP operating income (loss) are presented net of related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs where applicable.

(b) Q3 2017 includes a loss on the extinguishment of our 6.625% Notes due in 2021. The loss decreased non-GAAP operating income and non-GAAP operating income per common share - assuming dilution by \$10.8 million and \$0.12 per share, respectively.

(c) Q3 2017 includes a benefit from unlocking which reduced amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs by \$31.3 million and \$43.7 million, respectively, and increased non-GAAP operating income and non-GAAP operating income per common share- assuming dilution by \$48.3 million and \$0.53 per share, respectively.

Q3 2016 includes expense from unlocking which increased amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs by \$18.1 million and \$21.5 million, respectively, and increased the non-GAAP operating loss and non-GAAP operating loss per common share- assuming dilution by \$25.5 million and \$0.29 per share, respectively.

(d) Q3 2017 includes expense from the revision of assumptions used in determining reserves held for lifetime income benefit riders. The impact increased interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$21.6 million and decreased non-GAAP operating income and non-GAAP operating income per common share - assuming dilution by \$13.9 million and \$0.15 per share, respectively.

Q3 2016 includes expense from the revision of assumptions used in determining reserves held for lifetime income benefit riders. The impact increased interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$42.0 million and increased the non-GAAP operating loss and non-GAAP operating loss per common share - assuming dilution by \$27.1 million and \$0.31 per share, respectively.

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Summary of Adjustments to Arrive at Non-GAAP Operating Income (Loss) (Unaudited)

| | Q3 2017 | Q2 2017 | Q1 2017 | Q4 2016 | Q3 2016 |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | |
| Net realized gains on investments | \$ (1,579) | \$ (3,873) | \$ (2,338) | \$ (844) | \$ (5,256) |
| Net OTTI losses recognized in operations | 464 | 949 | 141 | 9,560 | 2,979 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives | (130,150) | (34,225) | (201,974) | (108,359) | (116,308) |
| Decrease in total revenues | (131,265) | (37,149) | (204,171) | (99,643) | (118,585) |
| Amortization of deferred sales inducements | 22,442 | 34,550 | 5,459 | (61,820) | 8,934 |
| Change in fair value of embedded derivatives | (229,702) | (174,973) | (224,170) | 151,099 | (144,404) |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs | 29,433 | 46,797 | 5,752 | (88,166) | 8,670 |
| Other operating costs and expenses | — | — | — | — | 2,829 |
| Increase (decrease) in total benefits and expenses | (177,827) | (93,626) | (212,959) | 1,113 | (123,971) |
| Increase (decrease) in income (loss) before income taxes | 46,562 | 56,477 | 8,788 | (100,756) | 5,386 |
| Increase (decrease) in income tax expense | 16,281 | 19,741 | 3,105 | (35,927) | 2,689 |
| Increase (decrease) in net income (loss) | <u>\$ 30,281</u> | <u>\$ 36,736</u> | <u>\$ 5,683</u> | <u>\$ (64,829)</u> | <u>\$ 2,697</u> |

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Capitalization/Book Value per Share

| | September 30, 2017 | December 31, 2016 |
|--|---|-------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data) | |
| Capitalization: | | |
| Notes and loan payable | \$ 500,000 | \$ 500,000 |
| Subordinated debentures payable to subsidiary trusts | 246,847 | 246,671 |
| Total debt | 746,847 | 746,671 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 2,762,667 | 2,291,595 |
| Total capitalization | 3,509,514 | 3,038,266 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) | (659,491) | (339,966) |
| Total capitalization excluding AOCI (a) | \$ 2,850,023 | \$ 2,698,300 |
| | | |
| Total stockholders' equity | \$ 2,762,667 | \$ 2,291,595 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | (659,491) | (339,966) |
| Total stockholders' equity excluding AOCI (a) | \$ 2,103,176 | \$ 1,951,629 |
| | | |
| Common shares outstanding (b) | 88,948,986 | 88,016,188 |
| | | |
| Book Value per Share: (c) | | |
| Book value per share including AOCI | \$ 31.06 | \$ 26.04 |
| Book value per share excluding AOCI (a) | \$ 23.64 | \$ 22.17 |
| | | |
| Debt-to-Capital Ratios: (d) | | |
| Senior debt / Total capitalization | 17.5% | 18.5% |
| Adjusted debt / Total capitalization | 17.5% | 18.5% |

(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: 2017 - 15,058 shares; 2016 - 15,058 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 and loan payable and the portion of the total subordinated debentures payable to subsidiary trusts outstanding (qualifying trust preferred securities) that exceeds 15% of total capitalization excluding AOCI.

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Spread Results

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| Average yield on invested assets | 4.43% | 4.46% | 4.45% | 4.52% |
| Aggregate cost of money | 1.73% | 1.89% | 1.75% | 1.91% |
| Aggregate investment spread | 2.70% | 2.57% | 2.70% | 2.61% |
| Impact of: | | | | |
| Investment yield - additional prepayment income | 0.05% | 0.04% | 0.06% | 0.05% |
| Cost of money effect of over hedging | 0.06% | 0.02% | 0.06% | 0.01% |
| Weighted average investments (in thousands) | \$45,228,136 | \$41,693,486 | \$44,386,981 | \$40,586,396 |

Weighted average investments include fixed maturity securities at amortized cost and equity securities at cost. The numerator for average yield on invested assets includes net investment income and the tax effect of investment income that is exempt from income taxes.

Summary of Cost of Money for Deferred Annuities

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| Included in interest sensitive and index product benefits: | | | | |
| Index credits | \$ 375,019 | \$ 126,653 | \$ 1,068,522 | \$ 142,084 |
| Interest credited | 62,725 | 69,715 | 190,833 | 198,682 |
| Included in change in fair value of derivatives: | | | | |
| Proceeds received at option expiration | (382,949) | (128,293) | (1,088,018) | (144,343) |
| Pro rata amortization of option cost | 150,163 | 140,286 | 437,208 | 420,529 |
| Cost of money for deferred annuities | <u>\$ 204,958</u> | <u>\$ 208,361</u> | <u>\$ 608,545</u> | <u>\$ 616,952</u> |
| Weighted average liability balance outstanding (in thousands) | \$ 47,281,417 | \$ 44,050,773 | \$ 46,457,851 | \$ 43,005,333 |

Annuity Account Balance Rollforward

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| Account balances at beginning of period | \$ 46,934,736 | \$ 43,640,978 | \$ 45,204,015 | \$ 41,249,647 |
| Net deposits | 826,885 | 1,114,817 | 2,890,032 | 4,241,271 |
| Premium bonuses | 46,982 | 74,784 | 175,074 | 270,991 |
| Fixed interest credited and index credits | 437,744 | 196,368 | 1,259,355 | 340,766 |
| Surrender charges | (13,521) | (13,819) | (41,051) | (40,381) |
| Lifetime income benefit rider fees | (38,410) | (33,856) | (103,055) | (84,923) |
| Surrenders, withdrawals, deaths, etc. | <u>(566,317)</u> | <u>(518,703)</u> | <u>(1,756,271)</u> | <u>(1,516,802)</u> |
| Account balances at end of period | <u>\$ 47,628,099</u> | <u>\$ 44,460,569</u> | <u>\$ 47,628,099</u> | <u>\$ 44,460,569</u> |

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Annuity Deposits by Product Type

| Product Type | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | Year Ended December 31, |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2016 |
| (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | |
| American Equity: | | | | | |
| Fixed index annuities | \$ 738,257 | \$ 1,138,373 | \$ 2,632,984 | \$ 3,974,892 | \$ 5,114,178 |
| Annual reset fixed rate annuities | 20,142 | 13,877 | 55,855 | 46,448 | 64,317 |
| Multi-year fixed rate annuities | 5,717 | 30,648 | 19,651 | 437,802 | 450,474 |
| Single premium immediate annuities | 6,505 | 11,730 | 17,037 | 25,357 | 35,851 |
| | 770,621 | 1,194,628 | 2,725,527 | 4,484,499 | 5,664,820 |
| Eagle Life: | | | | | |
| Fixed index annuities | 133,503 | 152,863 | 388,807 | 529,892 | 610,580 |
| Multi-year fixed rate annuities | 10,717 | 195,289 | 54,219 | 723,725 | 852,799 |
| | 144,220 | 348,152 | 443,026 | 1,253,617 | 1,463,379 |
| Consolidated: | | | | | |
| Fixed index annuities | 871,760 | 1,291,236 | 3,021,791 | 4,504,784 | 5,724,758 |
| Annual reset fixed rate annuities | 20,142 | 13,877 | 55,855 | 46,448 | 64,317 |
| Multi-year fixed rate annuities | 16,434 | 225,937 | 73,870 | 1,161,527 | 1,303,273 |
| Single premium immediate annuities | 6,505 | 11,730 | 17,037 | 25,357 | 35,851 |
| Total before coinsurance ceded | 914,841 | 1,542,780 | 3,168,553 | 5,738,116 | 7,128,199 |
| Coinsurance ceded | 81,451 | 416,233 | 261,484 | 1,471,488 | 1,736,054 |
| Net after coinsurance ceded | \$ 833,390 | \$ 1,126,547 | \$ 2,907,069 | \$ 4,266,628 | \$ 5,392,145 |

Surrender Charge Protection and Account Values by Product Type

Annuity Surrender Charges and Net (of Coinsurance) Account Values at September 30, 2017:

| Product Type | Surrender Charge | | | Net Account Value | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| | Avg. Years At Issue | Avg. Years Remaining | Avg. % Remaining | Dollars in Thousands | % |
| Fixed Index Annuities | 13.6 | 8.5 | 13.5% | \$ 45,558,281 | 95.6% |
| Annual Reset Fixed Rate Annuities | 10.7 | 4.4 | 7.6% | 1,419,036 | 3.0% |
| Multi-Year Fixed Rate Annuities | 6.7 | 2.7 | 5.6% | 650,782 | 1.4% |
| Total | 13.5 | 8.3 | 13.2% | \$ 47,628,099 | 100.0% |

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Annuity Liability Characteristics

| | Fixed Annuities Account Value | Fixed Index Annuities Account Value |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| <u>SURRENDER CHARGE PERCENTAGES:</u> | | |
| No surrender charge | \$ 771,803 | \$ 2,109,669 |
| 0.0% < 2.0% | 20,793 | 374,169 |
| 2.0% < 3.0% | 20,699 | 172,489 |
| 3.0% < 4.0% | 37,214 | 182,073 |
| 4.0% < 5.0% | 26,657 | 399,145 |
| 5.0% < 6.0% | 41,598 | 518,257 |
| 6.0% < 7.0% | 74,395 | 579,628 |
| 7.0% < 8.0% | 83,627 | 1,110,340 |
| 8.0% < 9.0% | 311,560 | 2,038,430 |
| 9.0% < 10.0% | 71,334 | 2,223,546 |
| 10.0% or greater | 610,138 | 35,850,535 |
| | <u>\$ 2,069,818</u> | <u>\$ 45,558,281</u> |

| | Fixed and Fixed Index Annuities Account Value | Weighted Average Surrender Charge |
|--|--|--|
| (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| <u>SURRENDER CHARGE EXPIRATION BY YEAR:</u> | | |
| Out of Surrender Charge | \$ 2,881,472 | 0.00% |
| 2017 | 169,707 | 1.90% |
| 2018 | 675,514 | 2.73% |
| 2019 | 513,333 | 4.29% |
| 2020 | 861,776 | 6.28% |
| 2021 | 1,363,458 | 7.93% |
| 2022 | 1,986,698 | 9.31% |
| 2023 | 4,787,796 | 10.98% |
| 2024 | 5,263,050 | 12.48% |
| 2025 | 5,992,395 | 12.75% |
| 2026 | 5,002,587 | 14.01% |
| 2027 | 3,907,754 | 15.47% |
| 2028 | 2,376,383 | 17.55% |
| 2029 | 2,989,078 | 18.28% |
| 2030 | 2,747,209 | 18.62% |
| 2031 | 3,199,646 | 19.12% |
| 2032 | 1,943,438 | 19.61% |
| 2033 | 932,969 | 19.98% |
| 2034 | 33,836 | 20.00% |
| | <u>\$ 47,628,099</u> | 13.24% |

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| | Fixed Annuities Account Value | Fixed Index Annuities Account Value |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| <u>CREDITED RATE VS. ULTIMATE MINIMUM GUARANTEED RATE DIFFERENTIAL:</u> | | |
| No differential | \$ 960,002 | \$ 1,644,773 |
| › 0.0% - 0.25% | 95,497 | 280,977 |
| › 0.25% - 0.5% | 246,636 | 7,912 |
| › 0.5% - 1.0% | 72,054 | 30,987 |
| › 1.0% - 1.5% | 12,234 | — |
| 1.00% ultimate guarantee - 2.67% wtd avg interest rate (a) | 429,536 | 189,345 |
| 1.50% ultimate guarantee - 1.24% wtd avg interest rate (a) | 161,038 | 4,804,345 |
| 2.00% ultimate guarantee - 1.90% wtd avg interest rate (a) | 92,821 | — |
| 2.25% ultimate guarantee - 1.96% wtd avg interest rate (a) | — | 1,127,973 |
| 3.00% ultimate guarantee - 2.15% wtd avg interest rate (a) | — | 2,154,290 |
| Allocated to index strategies (see tables that follow) | — | 35,317,679 |
| | <u>\$ 2,069,818</u> | <u>\$ 45,558,281</u> |

(a) 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.

If all crediting rates were reduced to minimum guaranteed rates (subject to limitations imposed by ultimate minimum guaranteed rates where applicable) the weighted average crediting rate as of September 30, 2017 for fixed annuities and funds allocated to the fixed rate strategy for fixed index annuities would decrease by 0.17%.

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Annuity Liability Characteristics

FIXED INDEX ANNUITIES ACCOUNT VALUE - INDEX STRATEGIES

Annual Monthly Average and Point-to-Point with Caps

| | Minimum Guaranteed Cap | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| | 1% | 3% | 4% | 7% | 8% + |
| Current Cap | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| At minimum | \$ 1,944 | \$ 98,490 | \$ 2,760,446 | \$ 86,658 | \$ 209,211 |
| 1.75% - 3% | 6,705,246 | — | — | — | — |
| 3% - 4% | 1,304,690 | 18,328 | — | — | — |
| 4% - 5% | 378,083 | 208,679 | 4,388,346 | — | — |
| 5% - 6% | 423,021 | 157,683 | 68,999 | — | — |
| 6% - 7% | — | — | 139 | — | — |
| >= 7% | — | 9,908 | 1,543 | 12,174 | 2,329 |

Annual Monthly Average and Point-to-Point with Participation Rates

| | Minimum Guaranteed Participation Rate | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 10% | 20% - 25% | 35% | 50% + |
| Current Participation Rate | (Dollars in thousands) | | | |
| At minimum | \$ 581 | \$ 418,207 | \$ 126,589 | \$ 145,900 |
| < 20% | 532,965 | — | — | — |
| 20% - 40% | 898,879 | 192,273 | — | — |
| 40% - 60% | 776,918 | 114,888 | 79,118 | — |
| >= 60% | 12,690 | — | — | — |

S&P 500 Monthly Point-to-Point - Minimum Guaranteed Monthly Cap = 1.0%

(Dollars in thousands)

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Current Cap | |
| At minimum | \$ 23,563 |
| 1.20% - 1.40% | 7,241,696 |
| 1.45% - 1.70% | 2,084,854 |
| 1.80% - 2.00% | 2,549,432 |
| >= 2.10% | 370,661 |

Volatility Control Index

(Dollars in thousands)

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Current Asset Fee | |
| At Maximum | \$ — |
| 0.75% - 1.75% | 189,816 |
| 2.25% - 2.75% | 850,839 |
| 3.00% - 4.00% | 1,449,215 |

If all caps and participation rates were reduced to minimum caps and participation rates and current asset fees were increased to their maximums, the cost of options would decrease by 0.57% based upon prices of options for the week ended October 17, 2017.

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Summary of Invested Assets

| | September 30, 2017 | | December 31, 2016 | |
|--|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Percent | Carrying Amount | Percent |
| (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| Fixed maturity securities: | | | | |
| United States Government full faith and credit | \$ 11,935 | —% | \$ 11,805 | —% |
| United States Government sponsored agencies | 1,302,075 | 2.7% | 1,344,787 | 3.0% |
| United States municipalities, states and territories | 4,093,632 | 8.4% | 3,926,950 | 8.8% |
| Foreign government obligations | 240,400 | 0.5% | 236,341 | 0.5% |
| Corporate securities | 29,752,910 | 60.9% | 27,191,243 | 60.8% |
| Residential mortgage backed securities | 1,146,822 | 2.4% | 1,254,835 | 2.8% |
| Commercial mortgage backed securities | 5,532,483 | 11.3% | 5,365,235 | 12.0% |
| Other asset backed securities | 2,598,026 | 5.3% | 1,806,123 | 4.0% |
| Total fixed maturity securities | 44,678,283 | 91.5% | 41,137,319 | 91.9% |
| Mortgage loans on real estate | 2,611,426 | 5.3% | 2,480,956 | 5.5% |
| Derivative instruments | 1,235,125 | 2.5% | 830,519 | 1.9% |
| Other investments | 328,299 | 0.7% | 308,774 | 0.7% |
| | <u>\$ 48,853,133</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$ 44,757,568</u> | <u>100.0%</u> |

Credit Quality of Fixed Maturity Securities - September 30, 2017

| NAIC Designation | Carrying Amount | Percent | Rating Agency Rating | Carrying Amount | Percent |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| 1 | \$ 28,133,264 | 63.0% | Aaa/Aa/A | \$ 27,665,208 | 61.9% |
| 2 | 15,264,374 | 34.2% | Baa | 15,596,239 | 34.9% |
| 3 | 1,151,198 | 2.6% | Ba | 958,470 | 2.1% |
| 4 | 98,308 | 0.2% | B | 116,619 | 0.3% |
| 5 | 22,271 | —% | Caa | 141,994 | 0.3% |
| 6 | 8,868 | —% | Ca and lower | 199,753 | 0.5% |
| | <u>\$ 44,678,283</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | | <u>\$ 44,678,283</u> | <u>100.0%</u> |

Watch List Securities - September 30, 2017

| General Description | Amortized Cost | Unrealized Gains (Losses) | Fair Value | Months Below Amortized Cost |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| Below investment grade | | | | |
| Corporate securities: | | | | |
| Energy | \$ 29,057 | \$ (4,531) | \$ 24,526 | 4 - 53 |
| Industrials | 4,984 | (2,209) | 2,775 | 35 |
| Materials | 3,990 | 228 | 4,218 | — |
| Telecommunications | 2,100 | (23) | 2,077 | 39 |
| Other asset backed securities: | | | | |
| Financials | 6,236 | (3,671) | 2,565 | 52 - 78 |
| | <u>\$ 46,367</u> | <u>\$ (10,206)</u> | <u>\$ 36,161</u> | |

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Fixed Maturity Securities by Sector

| | September 30, 2017 | | December 31, 2016 | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Fair Value | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
| (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| Available for sale: | | | | |
| United States Government full faith and credit and sponsored agencies | \$ 1,318,287 | \$ 1,314,010 | \$ 1,380,204 | \$ 1,356,592 |
| United States municipalities, states and territories | 3,737,212 | 4,093,632 | 3,626,395 | 3,926,950 |
| Foreign government obligations | 228,291 | 240,400 | 229,589 | 236,341 |
| Corporate securities: | | | | |
| Capital goods | 2,426,466 | 2,573,366 | 2,248,219 | 2,332,625 |
| Consumer discretionary | 5,838,716 | 6,151,660 | 5,485,150 | 5,643,308 |
| Energy | 2,502,054 | 2,590,215 | 2,439,809 | 2,453,649 |
| Financials | 5,981,848 | 6,334,214 | 5,377,810 | 5,552,349 |
| Industrials | 283,647 | 289,212 | 186,684 | 187,191 |
| Information technology | 1,795,290 | 1,894,060 | 1,718,190 | 1,759,229 |
| Materials | 1,832,598 | 1,928,461 | 1,767,460 | 1,797,013 |
| Other | 990,119 | 1,048,231 | 1,009,390 | 1,037,307 |
| Telecommunications | 1,513,054 | 1,596,137 | 1,472,094 | 1,507,943 |
| Transportation | 1,168,513 | 1,229,673 | 1,105,324 | 1,133,087 |
| Utilities | 3,739,345 | 4,040,688 | 3,523,083 | 3,710,711 |
| Residential mortgage backed securities: | | | | |
| Government agency | 610,392 | 656,145 | 648,752 | 693,805 |
| Prime | 271,844 | 284,828 | 323,878 | 338,761 |
| Alt-A | 137,292 | 163,109 | 166,557 | 193,018 |
| Re-Remic | 40,719 | 42,740 | 27,757 | 29,251 |
| Commercial mortgage backed securities: | | | | |
| Government agency | 556,513 | 567,556 | 559,850 | 560,726 |
| Non-agency | 4,953,544 | 4,964,927 | 4,862,405 | 4,804,509 |
| Other asset backed securities: | | | | |
| Auto | 298,100 | 299,841 | 240,297 | 237,678 |
| Financials | 1,453,379 | 1,460,465 | 865,235 | 866,203 |
| Industrials | 246,001 | 252,494 | 216,712 | 219,917 |
| Military housing | 441,394 | 465,113 | 339,186 | 351,903 |
| Other | 121,657 | 120,113 | 132,095 | 128,592 |
| Utilities | — | — | 1,830 | 1,830 |
| Redeemable preferred stock - financials | — | 7 | — | 6 |
| | <u>\$ 42,486,275</u> | <u>\$ 44,601,297</u> | <u>\$ 39,953,955</u> | <u>\$ 41,060,494</u> |
| Held for investment: | | | | |
| Corporate security - financials | \$ 76,986 | \$ 75,046 | \$ 76,825 | \$ 68,766 |

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Mortgage Loans on Commercial Real Estate

| | September 30, 2017 | | December 31, 2016 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Principal | Percent | Principal | Percent |
| (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| Geographic distribution | | | | |
| East | \$ 586,379 | 22.4% | \$ 635,434 | 25.5% |
| Middle Atlantic | 173,873 | 6.6% | 151,640 | 6.1% |
| Mountain | 303,314 | 11.6% | 235,932 | 9.5% |
| New England | 12,381 | 0.5% | 12,724 | 0.5% |
| Pacific | 446,512 | 17.0% | 385,683 | 15.5% |
| South Atlantic | 555,184 | 21.2% | 519,065 | 20.8% |
| West North Central | 316,294 | 12.1% | 325,447 | 13.1% |
| West South Central | 226,819 | 8.6% | 224,694 | 9.0% |
| | <u>\$ 2,620,756</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$ 2,490,619</u> | <u>100.0%</u> |

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Property type distribution | | | | |
| Office | \$ 282,595 | 10.8% | \$ 308,578 | 12.4% |
| Medical office | 34,795 | 1.3% | 50,780 | 2.1% |
| Retail | 1,018,501 | 38.9% | 886,942 | 35.6% |
| Industrial/Warehouse | 690,808 | 26.4% | 700,644 | 28.1% |
| Apartment | 420,454 | 16.0% | 375,837 | 15.1% |
| Mixed use/other | 173,603 | 6.6% | 167,838 | 6.7% |
| | <u>\$ 2,620,756</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$ 2,490,619</u> | <u>100.0%</u> |

| | September 30, 2017 | December 31, 2016 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Credit exposure - by payment activity | | |
| Performing | \$ 2,617,058 | \$ 2,489,028 |
| In workout | 1,476 | 1,591 |
| Delinquent | — | — |
| Collateral dependent | 2,222 | — |
| | <u>2,620,756</u> | <u>2,490,619</u> |
| Specific loan loss allowance | (2,049) | (1,327) |
| General loan loss allowance | (6,100) | (7,100) |
| Deferred prepayment fees | (1,181) | (1,236) |
| | <u>\$ 2,611,426</u> | <u>\$ 2,480,956</u> |

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New York Stock Exchange symbol: "AEL"

| | High | Low | Close | Dividend Declared |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| 2017 | | | | |
| First Quarter | \$28.00 | \$21.66 | \$23.63 | \$0.00 |
| Second Quarter | \$26.65 | \$22.23 | \$26.28 | \$0.00 |
| Third Quarter | \$29.43 | \$25.43 | \$29.08 | \$0.00 |
| | | | | |
| 2016 | | | | |
| First Quarter | \$23.65 | \$12.65 | \$16.80 | \$0.00 |
| Second Quarter | \$16.96 | \$12.77 | \$14.25 | \$0.00 |
| Third Quarter | \$18.32 | \$13.07 | \$17.73 | \$0.00 |
| Fourth Quarter | \$23.41 | \$15.39 | \$22.54 | \$0.24 |
| | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | |
| First Quarter | \$29.62 | \$25.46 | \$29.13 | \$0.00 |
| Second Quarter | \$29.90 | \$25.06 | \$26.98 | \$0.00 |
| Third Quarter | \$30.02 | \$22.36 | \$23.31 | \$0.00 |
| Fourth Quarter | \$28.30 | \$22.55 | \$24.03 | \$0.22 |

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