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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): April 30, 2014

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Iowa

001-31911

42-1447959

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Indentification No.)

6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa

50266

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(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:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 30, 2014, the registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2014, 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 March 31, 2014, 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
99.1	Press release dated April 30, 2014, announcing American Equity Investment Life Holding Company's financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.
99.2	American Equity Investment Life Holding Company's Financial Supplement for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: April 30, 2014

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

By: /s/ John M. Matovina

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Chief Executive Officer and President

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 30, 2014

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American Equity Reports First Quarter 2014 Results

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa (April 30, 2014) - American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (NYSE: AEL), a leading underwriter of index and fixed rate annuities, today reported a first quarter 2014 net loss of \$9.8 million, or \$0.13 per diluted common share, compared to first quarter 2013 net income of \$26.0 million, or \$0.38 per diluted common share.

Non-GAAP operating income¹ for the first quarter of 2014 was \$37.5 million, or \$0.47 per diluted common share, compared to first quarter 2013 non-GAAP operating income¹ of \$33.5 million, or \$0.49 per diluted common share.

Highlights for the first quarter of 2014 include:

- Annuity sales (before coinsurance) were \$921 million compared to first quarter 2013 annuity sales of \$930 million.
- Total invested assets were \$32.0 billion (amortized cost basis = \$30.4 billion).
- Investment spread was 2.77% compared to 2.73% for the fourth guarter of 2013 and 2.68% for the first guarter of 2013.
- Estimated risk-based capital (RBC) ratio at March 31, 2014 remained above A. M. Best's rating threshold at 351% compared to 344% at December 31, 2013.
- In addition to net income (loss), we have consistently utilized operating income 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. See accompanying tables for reconciliations of net income (loss) to operating income and descriptions of reconciling items. See Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a more complete discussion of the reconciling items and their impact on net income (loss) for the periods presented. Because these items fluctuate from period to period 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.

 Book value per share (excluding accumulated other comprehensive income) was \$18.15 at March 31, 2014 compared to \$18.75 at December 31, 2013.

The diluted share count for first quarter 2014 was 79.6 million shares compared to 68.7 million shares for the first quarter of 2013. This increase was attributable to (i) shares issued for retirement of convertible notes and the exercise of stock options and (ii) greater dilution from convertible notes, warrants and stock options because the Company's common stock price was substantially higher in the first quarter of 2014 compared to the first quarter of 2013.

SATISFYING START TO YEAR WITH SOLID PERFORMANCE ON KEY METRICS

Commenting on first quarter results, founder and Executive Chairman David J. Noble said: "Our year is off to a satisfying start with solid performance on the key metrics that define our business. First quarter sales of \$921 million contributed to a 2.5% increase in our policyholder liabilities under management which puts us on track to achieve our goal of at least 10% growth in policyholder liabilities under management for the year. We continued to generate attractive profitability with our operating return on average equity for the trailing 12 months, excluding the third quarter 2013 unlocking benefit, at 12.13% and maintained a high quality investment portfolio with minimal credit loss in the quarter. In addition, we continued to improve our capital structure and financial profile by retiring more convertible notes and reducing our debt leverage. And finally, we achieved a modest increase in our regulatory capital ratio which remains comfortably above the threshold for our A. M. Best rating."

SPREAD WIDENS IN ADVANCE OF FURTHER RENEWAL RATE ADJUSTMENTS

American Equity's investment spread of 2.77% for the first quarter of 2014 increased slightly compared to 2.73% for the fourth quarter of 2013. Spread performance was impacted by the average yield on invested assets, which declined 0.02% to 4.95% for the first quarter of 2014 from 4.97% for the fourth quarter of 2013, due to the investment of new premiums and portfolio cash flows at rates below the portfolio rate. The average yield on fixed income securities purchased and commercial mortgage loans funded in the first quarter of 2014 was 4.39%, compared to an average yield of 4.48% and 4.37% in the fourth and third quarters of 2013, respectively.

The aggregate cost of money for annuity liabilities was 2.18% in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 2.24% in the fourth quarter of 2013. This decrease reflected continued reductions in crediting rates. In addition, the Company eliminated the 0.03% under hedging cost incurred in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Commenting on investment spread, John Matovina, Chief Executive Officer and President said: "Most of the 0.04% improvement in investment spread for the quarter was due to improvement in our hedging results. But, we also saw crediting rates decrease by 0.01% more than the decrease in investment yield. Much of the decrease in crediting rates was attributable to policies issued in 2011 which were adjusted for the first time since their issue date."

Matovina continued, "We remain committed to our objective of restoring our investment spread to the 3.00% target rate. Earlier this quarter we initiated additional renewal crediting rate reductions for policies issued prior to July 20, 2010. These rate reductions will occur on policy anniversary dates over a fifteen month period that began on April 14, 2014 with the majority of the rate reductions completed by May 15, 2015. When fully implemented, we estimate that the cost of money for approximately \$15 billion of policyholder funds will be reduced by 0.20%. With our portfolio yield still under pressure from lower reinvestment rates, further adjustments to renewal crediting rates will be considered."

LONG-TERM BENEFIT FROM RETIREMENT OF CONVERTIBLE DEBT

During the quarter, the Company continued to improve its capital structure and financial profile by reducing its debt leverage and eliminating potential additional dilution from further increases in the Company's stock price through the retirement of additional convertible notes. After retiring \$156 million of aggregate principal amount of its two outstanding convertible debt instruments in the fourth quarter of 2013, the Company retired \$31 million aggregate principal amount of one of the issues in the first quarter of 2014. The total consideration paid by the Company in the first quarter included \$55 million of cash and 946,793 shares of the Company's common stock. The first quarter retirements reduced book value per share by \$0.50 and the net loss for the first quarter included \$0.03 from the loss on extinguishment of debt.

At March 31, 2014, the Company had approximately \$151 million of net proceeds from its \$400 million 6.625% Senior Notes due 2021 offering. These funds are available for future retirement of the convertible notes, and the Company intends to use these remaining net proceeds to tender for, redeem or repurchase the \$129 million aggregate principal amount of convertible notes that were outstanding at March 31, 2014. The form and timing of any such activity will be dependent upon market conditions and other factors and there can be no assurance that any such transactions can be completed prior to the December 2014 call date for the 5.25% convertible notes or the September 2015 maturity date for the 3.50% convertible notes. Subsequent to the end of the first quarter, the Company retired an additional \$34 million aggregate principal amount of the convertible notes in exchange for \$38 million of cash and 1,225,845 shares of its common stock. The impact of these transactions on the Company's capitalization and book value per share is disclosed in the Company's March 31, 2014 Financial Supplement.

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 first quarter 2014 earnings on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. CDT. 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 866-515-2909, passcode 15834723 (international callers, please dial 617-399-5123). An audio replay will be available shortly after the call on AEL's website. An audio replay will also be available via telephone through May 22, 2014 at 1-888-286-8010, passcode 43428446 (international callers will need to dial 617-801-6888).

ABOUT AMERICAN EQUITY

American Equity Investment Life Holding Company, through its wholly-owned operating subsidiaries, is a full service underwriter of fixed annuity and life insurance products, with a primary emphasis on the sale of 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.

American Equity Investment Life Holding Company

Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended
March 31

	 March 31,			
	 2014	2013		
	 (Dollars in except per			
Revenues:				
Premiums and other considerations (a)	\$ 7,331	\$	13,084	
Annuity product charges	25,272		21,481	
Net investment income	370,005		329,690	
Change in fair value of derivatives	48,493		373,962	
Net realized gains (losses) on investments, excluding other than temporary impairment ("OTTI") losses	(714)		10,585	
OTTI losses on investments:				
Total OTTI losses	_		(2,189)	
Portion of OTTI losses recognized from other comprehensive income	 (905)		(1,048)	
Net OTTI losses recognized in operations	(905)		(3,237)	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	 (3,977)		_	
Total revenues	 445,505		745,565	
Benefits and expenses:				
Insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits (a)	10,095		14,760	
Interest sensitive and index product benefits (a)	317,192		223,170	
Amortization of deferred sales inducements	666		28,831	
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives	92,619		363,272	
Interest expense on notes payable	10,264		7,248	
Interest expense on subordinated debentures	3,008		3,009	
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	7,194		46,230	
Other operating costs and expenses	 19,085		19,520	
Total benefits and expenses	 460,123		706,040	
Income (loss) before income taxes	(14,618)		39,525	
Income tax expense (benefit)	 (4,865)		13,494	
Net income (loss)	\$ (9,753)	\$	26,031	
Earnings (loss) per common share	\$ (0.13)	\$	0.41	
Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution	\$ (0.13)	\$	0.38	
Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands):				
Earnings (loss) per common share	72,519		63,314	
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⁽a) The Company made an immaterial correction in the presentation of premiums, insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits and interest sensitive and index product benefits related to life contingent immediate annuities. We have revised the 2013 consolidated statement of operations above to be consistent with the 2014 presentation. These changes had no impact on the Company's consolidated balance sheets, net income (loss) or stockholders' equity.

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NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

In addition to net income (loss), we have consistently utilized operating income 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, fair value changes in derivatives and embedded derivatives, loss on extinguishment of debt and changes in litigation reserves. 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.

Reconciliation from Net Income (Loss) to Operating Income (Unaudited)

	 Three Months Ended March 31,		
	 2014		2013
	(Dollars in except per		
Net income (loss)	\$ (9,753)	\$	26,031
Adjustments to arrive at operating income:			
Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI (a)	564		(2,804)
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities (a)	43,708		10,973
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - debt (a)	1,509		(736)
Litigation reserve (a)	(916)		_
Extinguishment of debt (a)	 2,394		_
Operating income (a non-GAAP financial measure)	\$ 37,506	\$	33,464
Per common share - assuming dilution:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (0.13)	\$	0.38
Adjustments to arrive at operating income:			
Anti-dilutive effect of net loss	0.01		_
Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI	_		(0.04)
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities	0.55		0.16
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - debt	0.02		(0.01)
Litigation reserve	(0.01)		
Extinguishment of debt	0.03		
Operating income (a non-GAAP financial measure)	\$ 0.47	\$	0.49

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

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NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Average Stockholders' Equity and Return on Average Equity

Return on equity measures how efficiently we generate profits from the resources provided by our net assets. Return on equity is calculated by dividing net income and operating income for the trailing twelve months by average equity excluding average accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI").

	•	Twelve Months Ended
		March 31, 2014
		(Dollars in thousands)
Average Stockholders' Equity ¹		
Average equity including average AOCI	\$	1,692,589
Average AOCI		(497,049)
Average equity excluding average AOCI	\$	1,195,540
Net income	\$	217,499
Operating income		167,462
Return on Average Equity Excluding Average AOCI		
Net income		18.19%
Operating income		14.01%

^{1 -} simple average based on stockholders' equity at beginning and end of the twelve month period.

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AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY Financial Supplement

March 31, 2014

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

	 March 31, 2014	Dec	ember 31, 2013
	(Unaudited)		
Assets			
Investments:			
Fixed maturity securities:			
Available for sale, at fair value	\$ 28,315,473	\$	26,610,447
Held for investment, at amortized cost	76,298		76,255
Equity securities, available for sale, at fair value	7,767		7,778
Mortgage loans on real estate	2,584,583		2,581,082
Derivative instruments	790,396		856,050
Other investments	 213,706		215,042
Total investments	31,988,223		30,346,654
Cash and cash equivalents	679,172		897,529
Coinsurance deposits	3,028,367		2,999,618
Accrued investment income	322,818		301,641
Deferred policy acquisition costs	2,210,694		2,426,652
Deferred sales inducements	1,713,246		1,875,880
Deferred income taxes	189,956		301,856
Other assets	 412,020		471,669
Total assets	\$ 40,544,496	\$	39,621,499
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			
Liabilities:			
Policy benefit reserves	\$ 36,731,438	\$	35,789,655
Other policy funds and contract claims	402,895		418,033
Notes payable	521,758		549,958
Subordinated debentures	246,097		246,050
Income taxes payable	18,062		10,153
Other liabilities	969,297		1,222,963
Total liabilities	38,889,547		38,236,812
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock	72,390		70,535
Additional paid-in capital	542,003		550,400
Unallocated common stock held by ESOP	(313)		(631
Accumulated other comprehensive income	332,435		46,196
Retained earnings	708,434		718,187
Total stockholders' equity	1,654,949		1,384,687
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 40,544,496	\$	39,621,499

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

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Quarterly Summary - Most Recent 5 Quarters (Unaudited)

		Q1 2014		Q4 2013	Q3 2013	Q2 2013		Q1 2013
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)							
Revenues:								
Traditional life insurance premiums	\$	2,804	\$	2,452	\$ 2,493	\$ 2,913	\$	2,698
Life contingent immediate annuity considerations		4,527		8,386	7,381	8,638		10,386
Surrender charges (a)		12,423		15,239	11,160	11,292		11,502
Lifetime income benefit rider fees		12,849		16,909	15,291	12,219		9,979
Net investment income		370,005		363,947	354,147	336,143		329,690
Change in fair value of derivatives		48,493		444,985	193,028	64,040		373,962
Net realized gains (losses) on investments, excluding OTTI		(714)		16,364	(2,077)	15,689		10,585
Net OTTI losses recognized in operations		(905)		_	(222)	(2,775)		(3,237)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		(3,977)		(30,988)	 (938)	 (589)		
Total revenues		445,505		837,294	 580,263	 447,570		745,565
Benefits and expenses:								
Traditional life insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits		2,261		1,452	1,647	2,106		1,735
Life contingent immediate annuity benefits and change in future policy benefits		7,834		11,827	9,617	11,662		13,025
Interest sensitive and index product benefits (b)		317,192		390,956	325,740	333,001		223,170
Amortization of deferred sales inducements (c)		666		69,121	34,625	120,536		28,831
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives		92,619		142,881	36,224	(408,409)		363,272
Interest expense on notes payable		10,264		11,885	12,957	6,780		7,248
Interest expense on subordinated debentures		3,008		3,027	3,034	3,018		3,009
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs (c)		7,194		99,934	50,034	169,270		46,230
Other operating costs and expenses (d)(e)(f)		19,085		26,886	 20,658	 24,851		19,520
Total benefits and expenses		460,123		757,969	 494,536	 262,815		706,040
Income (loss) before income taxes		(14,618)		79,325	85,727	184,755		39,525
Income tax expense (benefit)		(4,865)		28,367	 29,546	 64,642		13,494
Net income (loss) (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)	\$	(9,753)	\$	50,958	\$ 56,181	\$ 120,113	\$	26,031
Earnings (loss) per common share	\$	(0.13)	\$	0.73	\$ 0.86	\$ 1.87	\$	0.41
Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)	\$	(0.13)	\$	0.64	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.71	\$	0.38
Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands):								
Earnings (loss) per common share		72,519		69,416	65,129	64,254		63,314
Earnings (loss) per common share - assuming dilution		79,616		79,041	74,560	70,382		68,706

- (a) Q4 2013 includes a benefit of \$4.7 million from surrender charges deducted from California policyholders surrendering their policies as a condition of receiving certain benefits in a national class action lawsuit settlement, which after related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs and income taxes, increased net income and earnings per common share assuming dilution by \$1.9 million and \$0.02 per share, respectively.
- (b) Q3 2013 includes a benefit from the revision of assumptions used in determining reserves held for living income benefit riders consistent with unlocking for deferred policy acquisition costs and deferred sales inducements. The impact decreased interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$1.8 million and increased net income and earnings per common share assuming dilution by \$1.1 million and \$0.01 per share, respectively.
- (c) Q3 2013 includes benefit from unlocking which reduced amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs by \$11.1 million and \$18.5 million, respectively, and increased net income and earnings per common share- assuming dilution by \$19.1 million and \$0.26 per share, respectively.
- (d) Q1 2014 includes a net benefit of \$2.2 million from recognizing a decrease in an estimated class action litigation reserve based upon developments in the claim process for settlement of the class action and third party costs incurred during the quarter associated with administration of the settlement, which after related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs and income taxes, decreased net loss and loss per common share assuming dilution by \$0.9 million and \$0.01 per share, respectively.

- (e) Q4 2013 includes expense of \$4.2 million from recognizing an increase in an estimated class action litigation reserve based upon developments in the claim process for settlement of the class action litigation and third party costs incurred during the quarter associated with administration of the settlement, which after related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs and income taxes, decreased net income and earnings per common share assuming dilution by \$1.9 million and \$0.02 per share, respectively.
- (f) Q2 2013 includes expense of \$8.5 million related to assessments received and future estimates of assessments from state guaranty fund associations related to the insolvency of Executive Life Insurance Company of New York, which after income taxes decreased net income and earnings per common share assuming dilution by \$5.5 million and \$0.08 per share, respectively.

Q2 2013 includes a benefit of \$3.2 million related to the final settlement of a litigation liability established in 2010, which after related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs and income taxes increased net income and earnings per common share - assuming dilution by \$2.0 million and \$0.03 per share, respectively.

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In addition to net income (loss), we have consistently utilized operating income 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, fair value changes in derivatives and embedded derivatives, loss on extinguishment of debt and changes in litigation reserves. 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.

Reconciliation from Net Income (Loss) to Operating Income (Unaudited)

	 Three Months Ended March 31,		
	 2014	2013	
	(Dollars in the except per sha		
Net income (loss)	\$ (9,753) \$	26,031	
Adjustments to arrive at operating income:			
Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI (a)	564	(2,804)	
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities (a)	43,708	10,973	
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - debt (a)	1,509	(736)	
Litigation reserve (a)	(916)	_	
Extinguishment of debt (a)	 2,394		
Operating income (a non-GAAP financial measure)	\$ 37,506 \$	33,464	
Per common share - assuming dilution:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (0.13) \$	0.38	
Adjustments to arrive at operating income:			
Anti-dilutive effect of net loss	0.01	_	
Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI	_	(0.04)	
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities	0.55	0.16	
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - debt	0.02	(0.01)	
Litigation reserve	(0.01)	_	
Extinguishment of debt	 0.03	<u> </u>	
Operating income (a non-GAAP financial measure)	\$ 0.47 \$	0.49	

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

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Summary of Adjustments to Arrive at Operating Income (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended

		March 31,			
		2014		2013	
		(Dollars in	thousa	ıds)	
Net realized investment gains and losses, including OTTI:					
Net realized (gains) losses on investments, including OTTI	\$	1,619	\$	(7,348)	
Amortization of DAC and DSI		(746)		3,093	
Income taxes		(309)		1,451	
	\$	564	\$	(2,804)	
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives:					
Index annuities	\$	167,481	\$	36,890	
Interest rate caps and swap		2,579		(1,210)	
Amortization of DAC and DSI		(101,803)		(20,240)	
Income taxes		(23,040)		(5,203)	
	\$	45,217	\$	10,237	
Litigation reserve:					
Change in litigation reserve recorded in other operating costs	\$	(2,212)	\$	_	
Amortization of DAC and DSI		795		_	
Income taxes		501		_	
	\$	(916)	\$	_	
Extinguishment of debt:	_		-		
Loss on extinguishment of debt	\$	3,977	\$	_	
Income taxes		(1,583)		_	
	\$	2,394	\$		

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Quarterly Summary - Most Recent 5 Quarters (Unaudited)

Reconciliation from Net Income (Loss) to Operating Income

	Q1 2014		Q4 2013		Q3 2013		Q2 2013		Q1 2013	
				(Dollars in t	housa	ınds, except per	shar	e data)		
Net income (loss)	\$	(9,753)	\$	50,958	\$	56,181	\$	120,113	\$	26,031
Adjustments to arrive at operating income:										
Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI (a)		564		(6,214)		890		(3,574)		(2,804)
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities (a)		43,708		(23,419)		(4,907)		(81,351)		10,973
Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - debt (a)		1,509		(4,290)		7,136		(3,302)		(736)
Litigation reserve (a)		(916)		1,988		_		(1,969)		_
Extinguishment of debt (a)		2,394		20,823		548		345		_
Operating income (a non-GAAP financial measure) (b)(c)(d)(e)	\$	37,506	\$	39,846	\$	59,848	\$	30,262	\$	33,464
Operating income per common share - assuming dilution (b)(c)(d)(e)	\$	0.47	\$	0.50	\$	0.80	\$	0.43	\$	0.49

- (a) Adjustments to net income (loss) to arrive at operating income are presented net of income taxes and where applicable, are net of related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs.
- (b) Q4 2013 includes a benefit of \$4.7 million from surrender charges deducted from California policyholders surrendering their policies as a condition of receiving certain benefits in a national class action lawsuit settlement, which after related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs and income taxes, increased operating income and operating income per common share assuming dilution by \$2.0 million and \$0.02 per share, respectively.
- (c) Q3 2013 includes a benefit from unlocking which reduced amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs by \$12.6 million and \$20.4 million, respectively, and increased operating income and operating income per common share- assuming dilution by \$21.3 million and \$0.29 per share, respectively.
- (d) Q3 2013 includes a benefit from the revision of assumptions used in determining reserves held for living income benefit riders consistent with unlocking for deferred policy acquisition costs and deferred sales inducements. The impact decreased interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$1.8 million and increased operating income and operating income per common share assuming dilution by \$1.1 million and \$0.01 per share, respectively.
- (e) Q2 2013 includes expense of \$8.5 million related to assessments received and future estimates of assessments from state guaranty fund associations related to the insolvency of Executive Life Insurance Company of New York, which after income taxes decreased operating income and operating income per common share assuming dilution by \$5.5 million and \$0.08 per share, respectively.

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Summary of Adjustments to Arrive at Operating Income (Unaudited)

	Q1 2014		Q4 2013 Q3 2		Q3 2013	Q3 2013		Q1 2013		
		(Dollars in thousands)								
Net realized (gains) losses on investments	\$	714	\$	(16,364)	\$	2,077	\$	(15,689)	\$	(10,585)
Net OTTI losses recognized in operations		905		_		222		2,775		3,237
Change in fair value of derivatives		57,039		(209,083)		25,448		91,374		(299,494)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		3,977		30,988		938		589		
Increase (decrease) in total revenues		62,635		(194,459)		28,685		79,049		(306,842)
Amortization of deferred sales inducements		43,435		(27,797)		(6,765)		(82,583)		7,447
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives		(113,021)		(104,953)		39,526		408,606		(335,174)
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs		58,319		(38,189)		(9,849)		(111,570)		9,700
Other operating costs and expenses		2,212		(4,248)				3,212		
Increase (decrease) in total benefits and expenses		(9,055)		(175,187)		22,912		217,665		(318,027)
Increase (decrease) in income (loss) before income taxes		71,690		(19,272)		5,773		(138,616)		11,185
Increase (decrease) in income tax expense		24,431		(8,160)		2,106		(48,765)		3,752
Increase (decrease) in net income (loss)	\$	47,259	\$	(11,112)	\$	3,667	\$	(89,851)	\$	7,433

Capitalization/Book Value per Share

	 (a) Pro-forma March 31, 2014	March 31, 2014			December 31, 2013
	(Dollar	housands, except per sl	are d	lata)	
Capitalization:					
Notes payable:					
September 2015 Notes	\$ 55,757	\$	86,239	\$	85,328
December 2029 Notes	33,706		35,519		64,630
July 2021 Notes	400,000		400,000		400,000
Subordinated debentures payable to subsidiary trusts	 246,097		246,097		246,050
Total debt	735,560		767,855		796,008
Total stockholders' equity	 1,657,654		1,654,949		1,384,687
Total capitalization	2,393,214		2,422,804		2,180,695
Accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)	 (332,435)		(332,435)		(46,196)
Total capitalization excluding AOCI (b)	\$ 2,060,779	\$	2,090,369	\$	2,134,499
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 1,657,654	\$	1,654,949	\$	1,384,687
Accumulated other comprehensive income	 (332,435)		(332,435)		(46,196)
Total stockholders' equity excluding AOCI (b)	\$ 1,325,219	\$	1,322,514	\$	1,338,491
Common shows waters line (a)	74 100 576		72 074 721		71,369,474
Common shares outstanding (c)	74,100,576		72,874,731		/1,309,4/4
Book Value per Share: (d)					
Book value per share including AOCI	\$ 22.37	\$	22.71	\$	19.40
Book value per share excluding AOCI (b)	\$ 17.88	\$	18.15	\$	18.75
Debt-to-Capital Ratios: (e)					
Senior debt / Total capitalization	23.8%		25.0%		25.8%
Adjusted debt / Total capitalization	23.8%		25.0%		25.8%

- (a) Pro-forma March 31, 2014 amounts include the impact of convertible debt retirements completed in April 2014. The convertible debt retirements resulted in a net decrease in notes payable of \$32,295 and a net increase in stockholders' equity of \$2,705.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Common shares outstanding include shares held by the NMO Deferred Compensation Trust: 2014 543,120 shares; 2013 892,688 shares and excludes unallocated shares held by the ESOP: 2014 58,618 shares; 2013 58,618 shares.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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 excluding AOCI.

Spread Results

	Three Mon Marcl	
	2014	2013
Average yield on invested assets	4.95%	5.01%
Aggregate cost of money	2.18%	2.33%
Aggregate investment spread	2.77%	2.68%
Impact of:		
Investment yield - additional prepayment income	0.05%	0.08%
Cost of money effect of (under) over hedging	— %	0.03%
Weighted average investments (in thousands)	\$30,002,658	\$26,382,116

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 March 31,				
	 2014		2013		
	(Dollars in	thousan	ds)		
Included in interest sensitive and index product benefits:					
Index credits	\$ 230,378	\$	135,341		
Interest credited	69,827		74,417		
Included in change in fair value of derivatives:					
Proceeds received at option expiration	(227,958)		(135,225)		
Pro rata amortization of option cost	 102,024		88,855		
Cost of money for deferred annuities	\$ 174,271	\$	163,388		
Weighted average liability balance outstanding (in thousands)	\$ 31,928,538	\$	28,060,075		

Annuity Account Balance Rollforward

	 Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2014 2013				
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Account balances at beginning of period	\$ \$ 31,535,846 \$ 27,66				
Net deposits	865,405		872,329		
Premium and interest bonuses	72,687		73,898		
Fixed interest credited and index credits	300,205		209,758		
Surrender charges	(12,423)		(11,502)		
Lifetime income benefit rider fees	(12,849)		(9,979)		
Surrenders, withdrawals, deaths, etc.	 (427,639)		(353,695)		
Account balances at end of period	\$ 32,321,232	\$	28,450,478		

Annuity Deposits by Product Type

Three Months Ended March 31, Year Ended December 31, 2014 2013 2013 **Product Type** (Dollars in thousands) Fixed Index Annuities: Index Strategies \$ 642,266 604,641 2,861,977 Fixed Strategy 203,538 243,129 1,020,447 3,882,424 845,804 847,770 Fixed Rate Annuities: 15,240 19,910 71,944 Single-Year Rate Guaranteed Multi-Year Rate Guaranteed 54,587 47,256 205,978 Single premium immediate annuities 14,980 5,286 52,142 75,113 82,146 330,064 920,917 929,916 4,212,488 Total before coinsurance ceded 50,226 42,607 182,616 Coinsurance ceded \$ 870,691 887,309 \$ 4,029,872 Net after coinsurance ceded

<u>Surrender Charge Protection and Account Values by Product Type</u>

Annuity Surrender Charges and Net (of coinsurance) Account Values at March 31, 2014:

		Surrender Charge				ount Value
Product Type	Avg. Years At Issue	Avg. Years Remaining	Avg. % Remaining		Dollars in Thousands	<u></u> %
Fixed Index Annuities	14.1	9.9	15.6%	\$	30,342,038	93.9%
Single-Year Fixed Rate Guaranteed Annuities	11.1	4.3	8.0%		1,431,842	4.4%
Multi-Year Fixed Rate Guaranteed Annuities (a)	6.3	1.7	4.4%		547,352	1.7%
Total	13.9	9.5	15.1%	\$	32,321,232	100.0%

⁽a) 40% of Net Account Value is no longer in multi-year guarantee period and can be adjusted annually.

Annuity Liability Characteristics

		Fixed Annuities Account Value		Fixed Index Annuities Account Value	
		(Dollars in	thousar	ıds)	
SURRENDER CHARGE PERCENTAGES:					
No surrender charge	\$	661,371	\$	901,447	
0.0% < 2.0%		28,358		321,533	
2.0% < 3.0%		32,859		87,365	
3.0% < 4.0%		28,091		345,218	
4.0% < 5.0%		116,931		257,746	
5.0% < 6.0%		59,308		492,375	
6.0% < 7.0%		181,175		215,568	
7.0% < 8.0%		169,938		638,822	
8.0% < 9.0%		61,738		438,489	
9.0% < 10.0%		80,283		508,580	
10.0% or greater		559,142		26,134,895	
	\$	1,979,194	\$	30,342,038	
		Fixed and Fixed Index Annuities Account Value		Weighted Average Surrender Charge	
	(Do	ollars in thousands)		<u> </u>	
SURRENDER CHARGE EXPIRATION BY YEAR:					
Out of Surrender Charge	\$	1,562,818		0.00%	
2014		336,812		1.73%	
2015		530,464		3.25%	
2016		778,827		4.74%	
2017		938,531		6.20%	
2018		838,778		8.29%	
2019		602,401		9.22%	
2020		917,481		10.79%	
2021		1,205,534		12.45%	
2022		2,054,001		14.59%	
2023		5,044,448		16.43%	
2024		4,402,810		17.52%	
2025		3,188,735		18.29%	
2026		2,749,481		18.45%	
2027		2,863,871		18.87%	
2028		1,922,243		19.34%	
2029		1,932,360		19.88%	
2030		444,809		19.98%	
2031		6,828		20.00%	
	\$	32,321,232		15.07%	

Annuity Liability Characteristics

	A	Fixed Annuities ccount Value		Fixed Index Annuities Account Value	
		(Dollars in thousands)			
CREDITED RATE (INCLUDING BONUS INTEREST) VS. ULTIMATE MINIMUM GUARANTEED RATE DIFFERENTIAL:					
No differential	\$	758,786	\$	771,761	
→ 0.0% - 0.25%		293,015		523,321	
0.25% - 0.5%		165,955		33,657	
> 0.5% - 1.0% (a)		286,201		971,422	
> 1.0% - 1.5% (a)		92,721		21,590	
· 1.5% - 2.0%		94,769		1,981	
· 2.0% - 2.5%		73		_	
· 2.5% - 3.0%		1,329		_	
1.00% ultimate guarantee - 2.49% wtd avg interest rate (b)		76,857		_	
1.50% ultimate guarantee - 1.63% wtd avg interest rate (b)		104,587		2,911,985	
2.00% ultimate guarantee - 2.58% wtd avg interest rate (b)		104,901		_	
2.25% ultimate guarantee - 2.65% wtd avg interest rate (b)		_		1,397,438	
3.00% ultimate guarantee - 2.87% wtd avg interest rate (b)		_		2,780,802	
Allocated to index strategies (see tables that follow)				20,928,081	
	\$	1,979,194	\$	30,342,038	

⁽a) \$42,484 of Fixed Annuities Account Value have a guarantee of 2.25% for the first 10 years and 3.00% thereafter. They began increasing in 2014. \$530,157 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 began increasing in 2014.

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 March 31, 2014 for fixed annuities and funds allocated to the fixed rate strategy for fixed index annuities would decrease by 0.56%.

⁽b) 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.

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					(Doll	lars in thousands)				
At minimum	\$	851	\$	11,563	\$	740,134	\$	36,191	\$	262,305
2.5% - 3%	1,061	,268		_		_		_		_
3% - 4%	2,370),344		18,544		_		_		_
4% - 5%	20	,008		103,496		1,660,988		_		_
5% - 6%	21	,239		4,055		2,638,988		_		_
6% - 7%		_		_		2,783,224		_		_
>= 7%		_		11,182		39,819		117,584		68,365

<u>Annual Monthly Average and Point-to-Point with Participation Rates</u>

		Minimum Guaranteed Participation Rate								
	10%		25%	35%	50% +					
Current Participation Rate			(Dollars in	thousands)						
At minimum	\$	231 \$	337,202	\$ 174,591	\$ 203,723					
< 20%	2	48,285	_	_	_					
20% - 40%	3	12,823	461,954	_	_					
40% - 60%		221	164,894	124,768	1,317					
>= 60%		1,018	_	_	_					

<u>S&P 500 Monthly Point-to-Point - Minimum Guaranteed Monthly Cap = 1%</u> (Dollars in thousands)

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Current Cap	
At minimum	\$ 15,297
1.45% - 1.8%	3,537,742
2.0% - 2.3%	2,588,433
>= 2.3%	775,663

If all caps and participation rates were reduced to minimum caps and participation rates, the cost of options would decrease by 0.64% based upon prices of options for the week ended April 15, 2014.

Summary of Invested Assets

	March	31, 2014	Decemb	December 31, 2013			
	 Carrying Amount	Percent	Carrying Amount	Percent			
		(Dollars in	thousands)				
Fixed maturity securities:							
United States Government full faith and credit	\$ 43,300	0.1%	\$ 42,925	0.2%			
United States Government sponsored agencies	1,299,454	4.1%	1,194,289	3.9%			
United States municipalities, states and territories	3,437,313	10.7%	3,306,743	10.9%			
Foreign government obligations	144,023	0.4%	91,557	0.3%			
Corporate securities	18,517,485	57.9%	17,309,292	57.1%			
Residential mortgage backed securities	1,928,555	6.0%	1,971,960	6.5%			
Commercial mortgage backed securities	1,976,589	6.2%	1,735,460	5.7%			
Other asset backed securities	 1,045,052	3.3%	1,034,476	3.4%			
Total fixed maturity securities	28,391,771	88.7%	26,686,702	88.0%			
Equity securities	7,767	—%	7,778	_%			
Mortgage loans on real estate	2,584,583	8.1%	2,581,082	8.5%			
Derivative instruments	790,396	2.5%	856,050	2.8%			
Other investments	 213,706	0.7%	215,042	0.7%			
	\$ 31,988,223	100.0%	\$ 30,346,654	100.0%			

Credit Quality of Fixed Maturity Securities - March 31, 2014

NAIC Designation		Carrying Amount	Percent	Rating Agency Rati	Carrying Rating Agency Rating Amount		Percent
	(Dol	lars in thousands)			(Dollars in thousands)		
1	\$	17,755,174	62.6%	Aaa/Aa/A	\$	17,363,658	61.2%
2		10,059,679	35.4%	Baa		9,632,099	33.9%
3		516,812	1.8%	Ba		493,445	1.7%
4		58,988	0.2%	В		130,440	0.5%
5		_	%	Caa and lower		580,719	2.0%
6		1,118	%	In or near default		191,410	0.7%
	\$	28,391,771	100.0%		\$	28,391,771	100.0%

Watch List Securities - March 31, 2014

General Description	 Amortized Unrealized Cost Gains (Losses)		Fair Value	Months Below Amortized Cost	
		(Dollar			
Corporate bonds:					
Finance	\$ 20,000	\$	(4,945)	\$ 15,055	31
Industrial	49,459		(6,399)	43,060	17 - 43
Industrial	 9,341		501	9,842	
	\$ 78,800	\$	(10,843)	\$ 67,957	

<u>Summary of Residential Mortgage Backed Securities</u>

Collateral Type		Principal Amount		Amortized Cost	Fair Value		
			(D	ollars in thousands)			
OTTI has not been recognized							
Government agency	\$	740,739	\$	680,210	\$	712,171	
Prime		493,044		466,940		496,855	
Alt-A		30,286		30,612		30,757	
	\$	1,264,069	\$	1,177,762	\$	1,239,783	
OTTI has been recognized							
Prime	\$	443,620	\$	382,950	\$	395,341	
Alt-A		344,556		270,449		293,431	
	\$	788,176	\$	653,399	\$	688,772	
Total by collateral type							
Government agency	\$	740,739	\$	680,210	\$	712,171	
Prime		936,664		849,890		892,196	
Alt-A		374,842		301,061		324,188	
	\$	2,052,245	\$	1,831,161	\$	1,928,555	
Total by NAIC designation							
1	\$	1,926,031	\$	1,715,122	\$	1,810,443	
2		81,762		76,931		78,690	
3		42,101		37,448		38,342	
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6		2,351		1,660		1,080	
	\$	2,052,245	\$	1,831,161	\$	1,928,555	

Fixed Maturity Securities by Sector

	March 31, 2014				December 31, 2013		
	Amortized Cost		Fair Value		Amortized Cost		Fair Value
			(Dollars in	thous	ands)		
Available for sale:							
United States Government full faith and credit and sponsored agencies	\$ 1,402,611	\$	1,342,754	\$	1,358,628	\$	1,237,214
United States municipalities, states and territories	3,186,473		3,437,313		3,181,032		3,306,743
Foreign government obligations	136,116		144,023		86,112		91,557
Corporate securities:							
Consumer discretionary	1,551,557		1,611,005		1,533,993		1,532,694
Consumer staples	1,278,575		1,331,868		1,246,744		1,250,351
Energy	2,062,551		2,148,352		1,992,411		2,011,334
Financials	3,260,833		3,414,019		3,179,964		3,233,930
Health care	1,533,623		1,594,986		1,458,757		1,458,946
Industrials	2,183,057		2,282,092		2,045,490		2,039,544
Information technology	1,163,672		1,190,898		1,163,159		1,145,674
Materials	1,450,553		1,483,804		1,405,603		1,381,880
Telecommunications	510,463		527,096		472,250		473,517
Utilities	2,667,922		2,857,029		2,643,747		2,705,147
Residential mortgage backed securities:							
Government agency	680,210		712,171		677,394		679,518
Prime	849,890		892,196		907,881		964,443
Alt-A	301,061		324,188		310,638		327,999
Commercial mortgage backed securities:							
Government agency	301,383		297,821		302,063		288,495
Other	1,702,042		1,678,768		1,519,925		1,446,965
Other asset backed securities:							
Consumer discretionary	73,223		75,327		86,788		86,633
Energy	8,258		9,149		8,268		8,922
Financials	715,037		706,289		709,900		688,737
Industrials	215,374		228,912		215,873		225,212
Telecommunications	14,836		16,880		14,835		16,714
Utilities	6,305		8,495		6,275		8,258
Redeemable preferred stock - financials	_		38		1		20
	\$ 27,255,625	\$	28,315,473	\$	26,527,731	\$	26,610,447
Held for investment:	 				_		
Corporate security - financials	\$ 76,298	\$	64,920	\$	76,255	\$	60,840

<u>Mortgage Loans on Commercial Real Estate</u>

	March 31, 2014				December 31, 2013			
		Principal	Percent		Principal	Percent		
			(Dollars in	thou	usands)			
Geographic distribution								
East	\$	793,717	30.4%	\$	765,717	29.4%		
Middle Atlantic		152,712	5.9%		156,489	6.0%		
Mountain		343,166	13.1%		356,246	13.7%		
New England		20,977	0.8%		21,324	0.8%		
Pacific		313,896	12.0%		317,431	12.2%		
South Atlantic		488,622	18.7%		483,852	18.5%		
West North Central		343,660	13.2%		351,794	13.5%		
West South Central		153,630	5.9%		154,845	5.9%		
	\$	2,610,380	100.0%	\$	2,607,698	100.0%		
Property type distribution								
Office	\$	557,029	21.3%	\$	590,414	22.6%		
Medical Office		122,807	4.7%		125,703	4.8%		
Retail		729,056	27.9%		711,364	27.3%		
Industrial/Warehouse		690,442	26.5%		673,449	25.8%		
Hotel		47,138	1.8%		61,574	2.4%		
Apartment		313,330	12.0%		291,823	11.2%		
Mixed use/other		150,578	5.8%		153,371	5.9%		
	\$	2,610,380	100.0%	\$	2,607,698	100.0%		
	\$	2,610,380	100.0%	\$	2,607,698	100.09		

	Ma	March 31, 2014		cember 31, 2013
Credit Exposure - By Payment Activity				
Performing	\$	2,591,196	\$	2,593,276
In workout		7,956		6,248
Delinquent		_		
Collateral dependent		11,228		8,174
		2,610,380		2,607,698
Specific Loan Loss Allowance		(16,462)		(16,847)
General Loan Loss Allowance		(8,800)		(9,200)
Deferred prepayment fees		(535)		(569)
	\$	2,584,583	\$	2,581,082

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Common Stock and Dividend Information:

New York Stock Exchange symbol: "AEL"

	High	Low	Close	Dividend Declared
2014				
First Quarter	\$26.42	\$18.84	\$23.62	\$0.00
2013				
First Quarter	\$15.03	\$12.33	\$14.89	\$0.00
Second Quarter	\$16.60	\$14.03	\$15.70	\$0.00
Third Quarter	\$21.42	\$15.64	\$21.22	\$0.00
Fourth Quarter	\$26.46	\$20.01	\$26.38	\$0.18
2012				
First Quarter	\$13.09	\$10.13	\$12.77	\$0.00
Second Quarter	\$12.95	\$10.00	\$11.01	\$0.00
Third Quarter	\$12.41	\$10.62	\$11.63	\$0.00
Fourth Quarter	\$12.40	\$10.56	\$12.21	\$0.15

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