WELLPOINT INC Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SANDERS ELIZABETH A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

WELLPOINT INC [WLP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/14/2004

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

120 MONUMENT CIRCLE

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

D

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Price

Amount (D)

Common Stock

Security

(Instr. 3)

12/14/2004

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30,816

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ve Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	of	;		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secun Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)		Expiration Date	0 N 0	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SANDERS ELIZABETH A 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	X						

Signatures

Nancy Purcell,

Attorney-in-fact 12/16/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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