WELLPOINT INC

Form 4

December 16, 2004

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **DORR MARJORIE W** Issuer Symbol WELLPOINT INC [WLP] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE 12/14/2004 below) below) **EVP** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Non-Derivative Securities Acqui			uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) open Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	12/14/2004		S	1,301	D	\$ 116.3	98,193.8308	D			
Common Stock	12/14/2004		S	6,925	D	\$ 116.35	91,268.8308	D			
Common Stock	12/14/2004		M	26,666	A	\$ 71.86	117,934.8308	D			
Common Stock	12/14/2004		S	20,000	D	\$ 115.7	97,934.8308	D			
Common Stock	12/14/2004		S	2,500	D	\$ 115.9	95,434.8308	D			
	12/14/2004		S	4,166	D	\$ 116	91,268.8308	D			

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	12/14/2004	M	13,333	A	\$ 71.7	104,601.8308	D
Common Stock	12/14/2004	S	834	D	\$ 116	103,767.8308	D
Common Stock	12/14/2004	S	3,800	D	\$ 116.1	99,967.8308	D
Common Stock	12/14/2004	S	5,000	D	\$ 116.25	94,967.8308	D
Common Stock	12/14/2004	S	3,699	D	\$ 116.3	91,268.8308	D

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 71.86	12/14/2004		М	26,666	05/03/2003	05/03/2012	Common Stock	26,666
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 71.7	02/14/2004		M	13,333	05/12/2004	05/12/2013	Common Stock	13,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DORR MARJORIE W

120 MONUMENT CIRCLE EVP

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

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).

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