

Singh R Nicholas  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Singh R Nicholas

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ANNALY CAPITAL  
 MANAGEMENT INC [NLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/16/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Legal Officer

C/O ANNALY CAPITAL  
 MANAGEMENT, INC., 1211  
 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS,  
 SUITE 2902

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/16/2010		M		7,500	A	\$ 13.25
Common Stock					7,415	I	
Class A Preferred Stock					1,150	I	

By 401(k) Plan  
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (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
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 17.07					07/07/2006	07/07/2015	Common Stock	30,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 15.7					05/17/2008	05/17/2017	Common Stock	40,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 16.46					05/08/2009	05/08/2018	Common Stock	53,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 15.61					09/19/2009	09/19/2018	Common Stock	53,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13.25	12/16/2010		M	7,500	04/22/2010	04/22/2019	Common Stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Singh R Nicholas C/O ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.			Chief Legal	

1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902  
NEW YORK, NY 10036

Officer

## Signatures

/s/ R. Nicholas  
Singh

12/16/2010

    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).

(1) Options previously granted.

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