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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Sassi Brian A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE
 (Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WELLPOINT, INC [WLP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President & CEO Cons, EVP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2010 | | F | | 258 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 62.06 57,684 D |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2010 | | A | | 10,071 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$ 0 67,755 D |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2010 | | F | | 6,974 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 61.9 60,781 D |

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 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 62.06 | 03/01/2010 | | A | 44,760 | ⁽³⁾ 03/01/2017 | Common Stock 44,760 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sassi Brian A 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204 | | | President & CEO Cons, EVP | |

Signatures

/s/ Kathleen S. Kiefer, Attorney
in fact 03/03/2010

**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) PAYMENT OF TAX LIABILITY BY WITHHOLDING STOCK INCIDENT TO THE VESTING OF PREVIOUSLY GRANTED RESTRICTED STOCK.

(2) Represents restricted share units. Restrictions lapse in three annual installments of 3,357 each on 3/1/11, 3/1/12 and 3/1/13.

(3) Exercisable in six equal installments of 7,460 each on 9/1/10, 3/1/11, 9/1/11, 3/1/12, 9/1/12 and 3/1/13.

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