

CNA FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**LOEWS CORP**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**667 MADISON AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/29/2008**

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

**NEW YORK, NY 10065-8087**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 10/29/2008                           |  | P                              | 33,000  | A 13.92   | 241,636,973  | D                                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | (1)   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/29/2008                           |  | P                              | 69,800  | A 14.79   | 241,706,773  | D                                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)   |  |                                   |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LOEWS CORP<br>667 MADISON AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10065-8087 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

Loews Corporation by /s/ Gary W. Garson, Senior Vice President  
10/29/2008

\_\_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) Represents the weighted average price of multiple transactions with a range of prices between \$13.42 and \$14.41. The Reporting Person, upon request by the Commission Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, undertakes to provide further information regarding the number of securities purchased at each separate price.

(2) Represents the weighted average price of multiple transactions with a range of prices between \$14.42 and \$15.00. The Reporting Person, upon request by the Commission Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, undertakes to provide further information regarding the number of securities purchased at each separate price.

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