LISS VICTOR S

Form 4

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

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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 LISS VICTOR S Issuer Symbol WELLPOINT INC [WLP] (Check all applicable) (Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE 12/13/2004 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-E	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any Code (Instr. 3, (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)		sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/13/2004		M	10,000	A	\$ 71.86	10,439	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2004		S	10,000	D	\$ 117.2	439	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)

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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)	Securities		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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 71.86	12/13/2004		M		10,000	05/03/2003	05/03/2012	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LISS VICTOR S 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	X						

Signatures

Nancy Purcell,

Attorney-in-fact 12/15/2004

**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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