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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * COLBY DAVID C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(First) (Middle) WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

(Check all applicable)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

01/26/2005

below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
G			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/26/2005		M	3,533	A	\$ 0	47,175	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2005		F	575	D	\$ 118.55	46,600	D	
Common Stock							921	I	401(k)
Common Stock							3,366	I	Irrevocable Trust
Common Stock							252,665	I	Colby Family Trust

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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. Transactic 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. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Comp Stock Units	\$ 0	01/26/2005		M	3,533	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	3,533	\$ (

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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Signatures

Nancy Purcell,

Attorney-in-fact 01/28/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).

Relationship

Deferred share right grant made in the Company's Comprehensive Executive Non-qualified Retirement Plan and awarded pursuant to the Company's 1999 Stock Incentive Plan. The deferred shares will vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 26, 2005, January 26, 2006 and January 26, 2007.

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