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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BUSH WILLIAM H T**

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

120 MONUMENT CIRCLE

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

05/16/2006

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

below)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security

(Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4 Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security				(A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3,						
			Code	V	and 5) (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)	05/16/2006	A		3,430		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3,430	\$ 72

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BUSH WILLIAM H T 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	X						

Signatures

Nancy Purcell,
Attorney-in-fact

**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) The phantom stock units were accrued under the WellPoint, Inc. ("Company") Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan ("the Plan").
- (2) The Conversion or Exercise Price of the Derivative Security is 1-for-1
- The phantom stock units shall be payable in Company common stock upon the first to occur of (a) five years from the date of grant or (b) (3) the date the Reporting Person ceases to be a member of the Registrant's board of directors; unless a later date is designated in the Reporting Person's election made under the Plan in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

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