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SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
February 14, 2011

Annaly Capital Management, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<u>Maryland</u>	<u>1-13447</u>	<u>22-3479661</u>
State or Other Jurisdiction Of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
1211 Avenue of the Americas Suite 2902 New York, New York		<u>10036</u>
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 696-0100

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events

The following is a summary of Annaly Capital Management, Inc.'s (the Company) Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) earnings for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2010. The Company has not yet finalized its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2010 and, accordingly, information regarding these periods is subject to adjustments that could be material.

Net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 of \$1.2 billion or \$1.94 per average share available to common stockholders, as compared to net income of \$729.3 million or \$1.31 per average share related to common stockholders for the quarter ended December 31, 2009, and net loss of \$14.1 million or \$0.03 per average share available to common stockholders for the quarter ended September 30, 2010.

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2010 of \$1.3 billion or \$2.12 per average share available to common stockholders, as compared to net income of \$2.0 billion or \$3.55 per average share available to common stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2009.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2010, the Company disposed of \$3.1 billion of mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures, resulting in a realized gain of \$33.8 million. During the quarter ended December 31, 2009, the Company disposed of \$3.0 billion of mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures, resulting in a realized gain of \$91.2 million. During the quarter ended September 30, 2010, the Company disposed of \$3.1 billion of mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures, resulting in a realized gain of \$62.0 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company disposed of \$10.6 billion of mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures, resulting in a realized gain of \$181.8 million. During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company disposed of \$4.6 billion of mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures, resulting in a realized gain of \$99.1 million.

Common dividends declared for the quarter ended December 31, 2010, were \$0.64 per share as compared to \$0.75 per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2009, and \$0.68 per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2010. Common dividends declared for the year ended December 31, 2010, were \$2.65 per share, as compared to \$2.54 per share for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Company distributes dividends based on its current estimate of taxable earnings per common share, not GAAP earnings. Taxable and GAAP earnings will typically differ due to items such as non-taxable unrealized and realized gains and losses, differences in premium amortization and discount accretion, and non-deductible general and administrative expenses.

The annualized dividend yield on the Company's common stock for the quarter ended December 31, 2010, based on the December 31, 2010 closing price of \$17.92, was 14.29%. The dividend yield on the Company's common stock for the year ended December 31, 2010, based on the December 31, 2010 closing price of \$17.92, was 14.79%.

On a GAAP basis, the Company provided an annualized return on average equity of 49.87% for the quarter ended December 31, 2010, as compared to an annualized return on average equity of 30.73% for the quarter ended December 31, 2009, and an annualized loss on average equity of 0.58% for the quarter ended September 30, 2010. Without the effect of the unrealized gains or losses on interest rate swaps, the Company provided an annualized return on average equity of 15.52% for the quarter ended December 31, 2010, as compared to an annualized return on average equity of 21.78% for the quarter ended December 31, 2009, and an annualized return on average equity of 17.96% for the quarter ended September 30, 2010. On a GAAP basis, the Company provided a return on average equity of 13.06% for the year ended December 31, 2010, as compared to a return on average equity of 22.69% for the year ended December 31, 2009. Without the effect of the unrealized gains or losses on interest rate swaps, the Company provided a return on average equity of 16.35% for the year ended

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December 31, 2010, as compared to a return on average equity of 18.65% for the year ended December 31, 2009.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2010, the annualized yield on average interest-earning assets was 3.65% and the annualized cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities was 1.80%, which resulted in an average interest rate spread of 1.85%. This was a 94 basis point decrease from the 2.79% annualized interest rate spread for the quarter ended December 31, 2009, and a 26 basis point decrease from the 2.11% average interest rate spread for the quarter ended September 30, 2010. At December 31, 2010, the weighted average yield on interest-earning assets was 3.80% and the weighted average cost of funds on interest-bearing liabilities, including the effect of interest rate swaps, was 1.84%, which resulted in an interest rate spread of 1.96%. Leverage at December 31, 2010, was 6.7:1 compared to 5.7:1 at December 31, 2009, and 6.4:1 at September 30, 2010.

Fixed-rate mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures comprised 86% of the Company's portfolio at December 31, 2010. The balance of the mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures was comprised of 13% adjustable-rate mortgage-backed securities and 1% LIBOR floating-rate collateralized mortgage obligations. At December 31, 2010, the Company had entered into interest rate swaps with a notional amount of \$27.1 billion, or 36% of the mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures portfolio. Changes in the unrealized gains or losses on the interest rate swaps are reflected in the Company's consolidated statement of operations. The purpose of the swaps is to mitigate the risk of rising interest rates that affect the Company's cost of funds. Since the Company receives a floating rate on the notional amount of the swaps, the effect of the swaps is to lock in a spread relative to the cost of financing. As of December 31, 2010, substantially all of the Company's Investment Securities were Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures, which carry an actual or implied AAA rating.

The following table summarizes portfolio information for the Company:

	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2009	September 30, 2010
Leverage at period-end	6.7:1	5.7:1	6.4:1
Fixed-rate mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures as a percentage of portfolio	86%	74%	84%
Adjustable-rate mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures as a percentage of portfolio	13%	21%	14%
Floating-rate mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures as a percentage of portfolio	1%	5%	2%
Notional amount of interest rate swaps as a percentage of mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures	36%	34%	35%
Annualized yield on average interest-earning assets during the quarter	3.65%	4.84%	4.06%
Annualized cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities during the quarter	1.80%	2.05%	1.95%
Annualized interest rate spread during the quarter	1.85%	2.79%	2.11%
Weighted average yield on interest-earning assets at period-end	3.80%	4.51%	3.86%
Weighted average cost of funds on interest-bearing liabilities at period-end	1.84%	2.11%	1.94%
Interest rate spread at period-end	1.96%	2.40%	1.92%
Weighted average receive rate on interest rate swaps at period-end	0.28%	0.25%	0.31%
Weighted average pay rate on interest rate swaps at period-end	3.21%	3.85%	3.34%

The Constant Prepayment Rate was 23% during the fourth quarter of 2010, as compared to 19% during the fourth quarter of 2009, and 20% during the third quarter of 2010. The weighted average purchase price of the Company's mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures was 102.1% at December 31, 2010. The net amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on mortgage-backed securities and agency debentures for the quarters ended December 31, 2010, December 31, 2009, and September 30, 2010 was \$207.4 million, \$79.2

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million, and \$155.9 million, respectively. The total net premium and discount balance at December 31, 2010, December 31, 2009, and September 30, 2010, was \$2.3 billion, \$1.2 billion, and \$2.3 billion, respectively.

General and administrative expenses as a percentage of average assets were 0.22%, 0.21% and 0.22% for the quarters ended December 31, 2010, December 31, 2009, and September 30, 2010, respectively. At December 31, 2010, December 31, 2009, and September 30, 2010, the Company had a common stock book value per share of \$15.34, \$16.95 and \$15.16, respectively.

At December 31, 2010, Annaly's wholly-owned registered investment advisors had under management approximately \$12.4 billion in net assets and \$20.1 billion in gross assets, as compared to \$11.5 billion in net assets and \$19.1 billion in gross assets at December 31, 2009 and \$12.1 billion in net assets and \$19.8 billion in gross assets at September 30, 2010. For the quarter ended December 31, 2010, the investment advisors earned investment advisory and service fees, net of fees paid to distributors, of \$16.3 million, as compared to \$14.4 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2009 and \$15.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2010.

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ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
(dollars in thousands)

	December 31, 2010 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)	June 30, 2010 (Unaudited)	March 31, 2010 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2009(1)
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 282,626	\$ 289,486	\$ 327,979	\$ 905,955	\$ 1,504,568
U.S. Treasury Securities, at fair value	1,100,447	754,993	87,352		
Reverse repurchase agreements with affiliate			82,678	255,580	328,757
Reverse repurchase agreements	1,006,163	757,722	226,098	276,586	425,000
Securities borrowed	216,676	251,242	242,242	60,132	29,077
Mortgage-Backed Securities, at fair value	78,440,330	76,174,141	69,422,400	67,239,930	64,805,725
Agency debentures, at fair value	1,108,261	2,046,371	2,390,429	2,931,945	915,752
Corporate debt	21,683				
Investments with affiliates	252,863	245,659	230,268	242,788	242,198
Receivable for Mortgage-Backed Securities sold	151,460	1,637,542	78,581	359,636	732,134
Accrued interest and dividends receivable	345,250	345,153	322,853	327,666	318,919
Receivable from Prime Broker	3,272	3,272	3,272	3,272	3,272
Receivable for advisory and service fees	16,172	15,138	13,359	11,714	12,566
Intangible for customer relationships, net	9,290	9,590	9,891	10,191	10,491
Goodwill	42,030	27,917	27,917	27,917	27,917
Interest rate swaps, at fair value	2,561				5,417
Other derivative contracts, at fair value	2,607	186			
Other assets	24,899	26,351	42,665	65,850	14,397
Total assets	\$ 83,026,590	\$ 82,584,763	\$ 73,507,984	\$ 72,719,162	\$ 69,376,190
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY					
Liabilities:					
U.S. Treasury Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value	\$ 909,462	\$ 691,593	\$ 26,207	\$	\$
Repurchase agreements	65,533,537	61,040,668	56,386,835	53,784,480	54,598,129
Securities loaned	217,841	251,332	242,242	60,377	29,057
Payable for Mortgage-Backed Securities and agency debentures purchased	4,575,026	8,165,941	4,867,945	7,498,712	4,083,786
Convertible Senior Notes	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	
Accrued interest payable	115,766	113,837	99,366	88,346	89,460
Dividends payable	404,220	422,036	380,636	363,785	414,851
Accounts payable and other liabilities	8,921	51,440	33,815	70,290	10,005
Interest rate swaps, at fair value	754,439	1,604,639	1,174,788	608,688	533,362
Other derivative contracts, at fair value	2,446		216		
Total liabilities	73,121,658	72,941,486	63,812,050	63,074,678	59,758,650
6.00% Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock: 4,600,000 shares authorized, 1,652,047, 2,306,537, 2,603,969, 2,603,969, and 2,604,614 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	40,032	55,891	63,098	63,098	63,114

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Stockholders Equity:					
7.875% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock: 7,412,500 authorized, 7,412,500 shares issued and outstanding					
	177,088	177,088	177,088	177,088	177,088
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share, 987,987,500 authorized, 631,594,205, 620,640,708, 559,763,825, 559,668,624, and 553,134,877 issued and outstanding, respectively					
	6,316	6,206	5,598	5,597	5,531
Additional paid-in capital	9,175,245	8,994,954	7,937,738	7,935,151	7,817,454
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,164,642	1,877,537	2,540,201	1,887,852	1,891,317
Accumulated deficit	(658,391)	(1,468,399)	(1,027,789)	(424,302)	(336,964)
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Total stockholders equity	9,864,900	9,587,386	9,632,836	9,581,386	9,554,426
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Total liabilities, Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock and stockholders equity	\$ 83,026,590	\$ 82,584,763	\$ 73,507,984	\$ 72,719,162	\$ 69,376,190
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(1) Derived from the audited financial statements at December 31, 2009.

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ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME
(UNAUDITED)
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	For the quarters ended				
	December 31, 2010	September 30, 2010	June 30, 2010	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Interest income:					
Investment securities	\$ 678,626	\$ 700,964	\$ 642,782	\$ 653,935	\$ 751,560
Securities loaned	1,422	1,261	860	454	103
U.S. Treasury Securities	2,039	751	40		
Total interest income	682,087	702,976	643,682	654,389	751,663
Interest expense:					
Repurchase agreements	103,514	105,393	96,975	92,089	101,632
Interest rate swaps	190,098	188,636	175,535	180,838	185,040
Convertible Senior Notes	7,034	7,033	6,966	3,195	
Securities borrowed	1,201	1,047	742	387	92
U.S. Treasury Securities sold, not yet purchased	2,166	459	24		
Total interest expense	304,013	302,568	280,242	276,509	286,764
Net interest income	378,074	400,408	363,440	377,880	464,899
Other income (loss)					
Investment advisory and service fees	16,321	15,343	13,863	12,546	14,835
Gain on sale of Mortgage-Backed Securities and agency debentures	33,802	61,986	39,041	46,962	91,150
Dividend income	7,647	8,097	7,330	7,964	7,647
Loss on receivable from Prime Broker ⁽¹⁾					(13,613)
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps	839,191	(448,253)	(593,038)	(116,732)	212,456
Net (loss) gain on trading securities	(3,510)	1,082	77		
Income from underwriting	680	915	500		
Total other income (loss)	894,131	(360,830)	(532,227)	(49,260)	312,475
Expenses					
Distribution fees				360	418
General and administrative expenses	46,496	43,430	41,540	40,021	36,880
Total expenses	46,496	43,430	41,540	40,381	37,298
Income (loss) before income (loss) from equity method investment and income taxes	1,225,709	(3,852)	(210,327)	288,239	740,076
Income (loss) from equity method investment	1,002	868	935	140	(252)
Income taxes	(8,207)	(11,076)	(8,837)	(7,314)	(10,489)
Net income (loss)	1,218,504	(14,060)	(218,229)	281,065	729,335
Dividends on preferred stock	4,268	4,515	4,625	4,625	4,625

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Net income (loss) available (related) to common shareholders	\$1,214,236	(\$18,575)	(\$222,854)	\$276,440	\$724,710
Net income (loss) available (related) per share to common shareholders:					
Basic	\$1.94	(\$0.03)	(\$0.40)	\$0.50	\$1.31
Diluted	\$1.84	(\$0.03)	(\$0.40)	\$0.49	\$1.30
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:					
Basic	625,138,510	611,904,518	559,700,836	554,995,092	552,917,499
Diluted	662,476,638	611,904,518	559,700,836	575,859,564	559,336,066
Net income (loss)	\$1,218,504	(\$14,060)	(\$218,229)	\$281,065	\$729,335
Other comprehensive (loss) income:					
Unrealized (loss) gain on available-for-sale securities	(692,663)	(619,080)	664,544	7,416	(25,190)
Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps	13,570	18,402	26,846	36,081	47,663
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income	(33,802)	(61,986)	(39,041)	(46,962)	(91,150)
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(712,895)	(662,664)	652,349	(3,465)	(68,677)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$505,609	(\$676,724)	\$434,120	\$277,600	\$660,658

- (1) The Company invested \$45,000,000 in an equity fund and has redeemed \$56,000,000. Assets of the fund still remain at the prime broker, Lehman Brothers International (Europe) (in administration) (LBIE), which is in bankruptcy and the ultimate recovery of such amount remains uncertain. The Company has entered into the Claims Resolution Agreement between Lehman Brothers International (Europe) (in administration) and certain eligible offerees effective December 29, 2009 with respect to these assets (the CRA). Given the great degree of uncertainty as to the status of the Company s assets, other than specific assets that remain directly in the control of LBIE that the Company has valued in accordance with the CRA, the Company has valued the assets at an 80% discount.

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(UNAUDITED)
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	For the years ended	
	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Interest income		
Investment securities	\$ 2,676,307	\$ 2,922,499
Securities loaned	3,997	103
U.S. Treasury Securities	2,830	
Total interest income	2,683,134	2,922,602
Interest expense		
Repurchase agreements	397,971	575,867
Interest rate swaps	735,107	719,803
Convertible Senior Notes	24,228	
Securities borrowed	3,377	92
U.S. Treasury Securities sold, not yet purchased	2,649	
Total interest expense	1,163,332	1,295,762
Net interest income	1,519,802	1,626,840
Other (loss) income		
Investment advisory and service fees	58,073	48,952
Gain on sale of Mortgage-Backed Securities and agency debentures	181,791	99,128
Dividend income	31,038	17,184
Loss on Receivable from Prime Broker		(13,613)
Unrealized (loss) gain on interest rate swaps	(318,832)	349,521
Net loss on trading securities	(2,351)	
Income from underwriting	2,095	
Total other (loss) income	(48,186)	501,172
Expenses		
Distribution fees	360	1,756
General and administrative expenses	171,487	130,152
Total expenses	171,847	131,908
Income before income from equity method investment and income taxes	1,299,769	1,996,104
Income (loss) from equity method investment	2,945	(252)
Income taxes	(35,434)	(34,381)
Net income	1,267,280	1,961,471
Dividend on preferred stock	18,033	18,501
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 1,249,247	\$ 1,942,970

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Net income available per share to common shareholders:				
Basic	\$	2.12	\$	3.55
Diluted	\$	2.04	\$	3.52
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic		588,192,659		546,973,036
Diluted		625,307,174		553,130,643
Net income	\$	1,267,280	\$	1,961,471
Other comprehensive (loss) income:				
Unrealized (loss) gain on available-for-sale securities		(639,783)		1,513,397
Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps		94,899		224,818
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income		(181,791)		(99,128)
Other comprehensive (loss) income		(726,675)		1,639,087
Comprehensive income	\$	540,605	\$	3,600,558

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT,
INC.

By: /s/ Kathryn Fagan

Name: Kathryn Fagan
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 14, 2011
