

FARRELL MICHAEL A J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 FARRELL MICHAEL A J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC [NLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Pres., Chairman of Board & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O: ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/24/2012

(Street)  
 NEW YORK, NY 10036

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/24/2012		M	V	100,000 A \$ 13.25	D	
Class A Preferred Stock					3,500	D	
Class A Preferred Stock					3,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Michael Farrell C/F Taylor

						Carolyn Farrell
Class A Preferred Stock				8,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By daughter
Class A Preferred Stock				8,200 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By son

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount Number Shares
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 17.97					08/04/2004      08/04/2013	Common Stock      200,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 17.39					04/19/2005      04/19/2014	Common Stock      150,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 17.07					07/07/2006      07/07/2015	Common Stock      150,000
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 15.7					05/17/2008      05/17/2017	Common Stock      143,630
Option to purchase Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 16.46					05/08/2009      05/08/2018	Common Stock      200,000

Option to purchase Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	\$ 15.61					09/19/2009	09/19/2018	Common Stock	112,34
Option to purchase Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	\$ 13.25	04/24/2012	M	100,000	04/22/2010	04/22/2019	Common Stock	100,00	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARRELL MICHAEL A J C/O: ANNALY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902 NEW YORK, NY 10036	X		Pres., Chairman of Board & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael AJ  
Farrell

04/24/2012

\*\*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 reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (2) Options previously granted.

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