

KAPUSTAY REBECCA A
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 KAPUSTAY REBECCA A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE
 (Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WELLPOINT INC [WLP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/26/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2005 | | M | | 3,533 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2005 | | F | | 717 | D | \$ 118.55 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 7,136 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 40 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 132 |
| | | | | | | | D |
| | | | | | | | I |
| | | | | | | | I |
| | | | | | | | I |
| | | | | | | | By husband |
| | | | | | | | 401(k) |
| | | | | | | | IRA |

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|--------------|--|---------|---|--------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | 111,810 | I | Rebecca A. Kapustay 1999 Trust |
|--------------|--|---------|---|--------------------------------|

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) | 8. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Deferred Comp Stock Units | \$ 0 | 01/26/2005 | | M | 3,533 | (1) (1) | Common Stock | 3,533 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KAPUSTAY REBECCA A 120 MONUMENT CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204 | | | EVP | |

Signatures

Nancy Purcell,
Attorney-in-fact

01/28/2005

**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).

Each deferred stock unit represents the right to receive, on a deferred basis under the Issuer's Comprehensive Executive Non-qualified Retirement Plan, one share of the Issuer's common stock to be issued under the Issuer's 1999 Stock Incentive Plan upon the expiration of (1) the deferral period. Each of the deferred stock units will vest in three successive equal annual installments, beginning January 26, 2005, subject to acceleration in the event the reporting person should terminate employment with the Issuer under certain prescribed circumstances.

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