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FORM N-4

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Post-Effective Amendment No. 28 [x]

and

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

Amendment No. 29 [x]

NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT
(Exact Name of Registrant)

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
(Name of Depositor)

ONE NATIONWIDE PLAZA, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43216-6609
(Address of Depositor's Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Depositor's Telephone Number, including Area Code: (614) 249-7111

GORDON E. MCCUTCHAN, SECRETARY, ONE NATIONWIDE PLAZA, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43216-6609
(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

This Post-Effective Amendment amends the Registration Statement in respect of the Prospectus, Statement of Additional Information and Financial Statements.

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate space)

[ ] immediately upon filing pursuant to paragraph (b) of Rule 485

[X] on December 31, 1996 pursuant to paragraph (b) of Rule 485

[ ] 60 days after filing pursuant to paragraph (a) of Rule 485

[ ] on (date) pursuant to paragraph (a) of Rule 485

[ ] this post-effective amendment designates a new effective date for a previously filed post-effective amendment.

The Registrant has registered an indefinite number of securities by a prior registration statement in accordance with Rule 24f-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Registrant filed its Rule 24f-2 Notice for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995, on February 15, 1996.

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REFERENCE TO ITEMS REQUIRED BY FORM N-4

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SUPPLEMENT DATED DECEMBER 31, 1996 TO
PROSPECTUS DATED MAY 1, 1996

INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACTS

ISSUED BY

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

THROUGH ITS

NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

This Supplement updates certain information contained in your Prospectus. Please read it and keep it with your Prospectus for future reference.

1. Effective January 1, 1997, the underlying Mutual Fund options TWENTIETH CENTURY GROWTH INVESTORS, TWENTIETH CENTURY INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND, TWENTIETH CENTURY ULTRA INVESTORS AND TWENTIETH CENTURY U.S. GOVERNMENTS SHORT-TERM will change their names to AMERICAN CENTURY: TWENTIETH CENTURY GROWTH, AMERICAN CENTURY: TWENTIETH CENTURY INTERNATIONAL GROWTH, AMERICAN CENTURY: TWENTIETH CENTURY ULTRA AND AMERICAN CENTURY: BENHAM SHORT-TERM GOVERNMENT, respectively. Accordingly, any and all references to Twentieth Century Growth Investors, Twentieth Century International Equity Fund, Twentieth Century Ultra Investors and Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short-Term located in the Prospectus are hereby amended to reflect this name change.

2. Additionally, effective January 1, 1997, the underlying Mutual Fund option BENHAM INCOME & GROWTH FUND will change its name to AMERICAN CENTURY: INCOME & GROWTH. Accordingly, any and all references to the Benham Income & Growth Fund contained in the previous Supplement dated November 1, 1996 are hereby amended to reflect this name change.

3. Effective January 1, 1997, the section entitled "Transfers" located on page 23 of the Prospectus is Effective January 1, 1997, hereby amended

by adding the following information as the fourth and fifth paragraphs:

Contracts described in this prospectus may in some cases be sold to individuals who independently utilize the services of a firm or individual engaged in market timing. Generally, such firms or individuals obtain authorization from multiple Contract Owners to make transfers and exchanges among the Sub-Accounts (the underlying Mutual Funds) on the basis of perceived market trends. Because of the unusually large transfers of funds associated with some of these transactions, the ability of the Company or underlying Mutual Funds to process such transactions may be compromised, and the execution of such transactions may possibly disadvantage or work to the detriment of other Contract Owners not utilizing market timing services.

Accordingly, the right to exchange Contract Values among the Sub-Accounts may be subject to modification if such rights are exercised by a market timing firm or any other third party authorized to initiate transfer or exchange transactions on behalf of multiple Contract Owners. THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT OWNERS TO EXCHANGE CONTRACT VALUES, WHEN INSTRUCTIONS ARE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY BY THE CONTRACT OWNER, OR BY THE CONTRACT OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE OF RECORD AS AUTHORIZED BY THE EXECUTION OF A VALID NATIONWIDE LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FORM, WILL NOT BE MODIFIED IN ANY WAY. In modifying such rights, the Company may, among other things, not accept (1) the transfer or exchange instructions of any agent acting under a power of attorney on behalf of more than one Contract Owner, or (2) the transfer or exchange instructions of individual contract owners who have executed pre-authorized transfer or exchange forms which are submitted by market timing firms or other third parties on behalf of more than one Contract Owner at the same time. The Company will not impose any such restrictions or otherwise modify exchange rights unless such action is reasonably intended to prevent the use of such rights in a manner that will disadvantage or potentially impair the contract rights of other Contract Owners.

SUPPLEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1996 TO
PROSPECTUS DATED MAY 1, 1996 FOR

INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACTS

ISSUED BY

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

THROUGH ITS

NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

This Supplement updates certain information contained in your Prospectus. Please read it and keep it with your Prospectus for future reference.

1. Effective October 17, 1996, Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. has changed its name to Nationwide Advisory Services, Inc. Accordingly, any and all references to Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. in this Prospectus are hereby amended to reflect this name change.

2. On page 1 of the Prospectus, the list of underlying Mutual Fund options under the section entitled "FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1993", is hereby amended to include the following underlying Mutual Fund options:

   Benham Income & Growth Fund
   Dreyfus Third Century Fund, Inc.
   Federated Bond Fund
   Janus Worldwide Fund

3. The UNDERLYING MUTUAL FUND ANNUAL EXPENSES table located on page 7 of the Prospectus is hereby amended to reflect the addition of the above-mentioned underlying Mutual Fund options:

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	Management	Other	Total Portfolio

	Fees	Expenses	Company Expenses
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Benham Income & Growth Fund	0.31%	0.36%	0.67%
Federated Bond Fund	0.50%	0.59%	1.09%
Janus Worldwide Fund	0.68%	0.56%	1.24%

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Additionally, the UNDERLYING MUTUAL FUND ANNUAL EXPENSES table is further amended to reflect the following updates:

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Fidelity Puritan Fund	0.52%	0.25%	0.77%
MFS(R) World Governments Fund(4)	0.90%	0.71%	1.61%
Templeton Foreign Fund - Class I	0.63%	0.52%	1.15%

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(4) A 12b-1 fee is included in the calculation of "Other Expenses".

4. The Example table located on pages 8 and 9 of the Prospectus is hereby amended to reflect example information for the addition of the above-mentioned underlying Mutual Fund options:

(FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1993)
EXAMPLE

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	IF YOU SURRENDER YOUR CONTRACT AT THE END OF THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD				IF YOU DO NOT SURRENDER YOUR CONTRACT AT THE END OF THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD				IF YOU ANNUITIZE YOUR CONTRACT AT THE END OF THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD			
	1 YR.	3 YRS.	5 YRS.	10 YRS.	1 YR.	3 YRS.	5 YRS.	10 YRS.	1 YR.	3 YRS.	5 YRS.	10 YRS.
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Benham Income & Growth Fund	92	112	142	247	22	67	115	247	*	67	115	247
Federated Bond Fund	96	125	164	291	26	80	137	291	*	80	137	291
Janus Worldwide Fund	98	130	172	307	28	85	145	307	*	85	145	307

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Additionally, the Example table is further amended to reflect the following updates:

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	IF YOU SURRENDER YOUR CONTRACT AT THE END OF THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD				IF YOU DO NOT SURRENDER YOUR CONTRACT AT THE END OF THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD				IF YOU ANNUITIZE YOUR CONTRACT AT THE END OF THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD			
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Fidelity Puritan Fund	93	115	147	258	23	70	120	258	*	70	120	258
Templeton Foreign Fund - Class I	97	127	167	298	27	82	140	298	*	82	140	298

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5. The Condensed Financial Information table located on pages 13-18 of the Prospectus is amended to reflect the following updates:

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FUND	ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE AT END OF PERIOD	PERCENT CHANGE IN ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE	NUMBER OF ACCUMULATION UNITS AT END OF THE PERIOD	YEAR
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Fidelity Puritan Fund-Q	12.020413	14.410892	19.89%	301,466	1995
	11.972512	12.020413	0.40%	161,179	1994
	10.000000	11.972512	19.73%	44,320	1993
Templeton Foreign Fund - Class I - Q	10.000000	11.097523	10.98%	69,083	1995

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Additionally, footnote number 1 to the Condensed Financial Information table is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following footnote:

(1) Unit value information is not provided for the Benham Income & Growth Fund, the Federated Bond Fund and the Janus Worldwide Fund, as said underlying Mutual Funds were added to the Variable Account effective October 31, 1996, and therefore have no unit value histories prior to that time.

6. APPENDIX B located on pages 37-42 of the Prospectus is hereby amended to include the following investment objectives:

BENHAM INCOME & GROWTH FUND:

Investment Objective - Seeks dividend growth, current income and capital appreciation by investing in common stocks. The Fund may buy securities convertible into common stock, such as convertible bonds, convertible preferred stocks or warrants. The Fund may also, for liquidity purposes, invest in high-quality money market instruments with remaining maturities of one year or less. The Fund may also enter into repurchase agreements, collateralized by U.S. government securities, with banks or broker-dealers deemed to present minimal credit risk.

FEDERATED BOND FUND:

Investment Objective - To provide as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital. The Fund invests primarily in a professionally managed, diversified portfolio of bonds. Under normal circumstances, at least 65% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in investment grade securities, including repurchase agreements collateralized by investment grade securities. The Fund may invest in corporate debt obligations, U.S. Government obligations, municipal securities, asset-backed securities, adjustable rate mortgage securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, and other securities which are deemed to be consistent with the Fund's investment objective.

JANUS WORLDWIDE FUND:

Investment Objective - To seek long-term growth of capital in a manner consistent with the preservation of capital. The objective is pursued primarily through investments in common stocks of foreign and domestic issuers. The Fund may invest on a worldwide basis in companies and organizations of any size, regardless of country of organization or place of principal business activity. The Fund normally invests in issuers from at least five different countries.

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INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACTS
ISSUED BY THE NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT OF
NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

The Individual Deferred Variable Annuity Contracts described in this prospectus are Flexible Purchase Payment Contracts (collectively referred to as the "Contracts"). Contracts issued on or after December 25, 1982 and before January 1, 1993 were issued to the trustees of Qualified Plans as Qualified Contracts. Contracts issued prior to December 25, 1982 were issued to individuals on Non-Qualified Contracts. Contracts issued after January 1, 1993 may only be issued to custodians of Individual Retirement Accounts ("IRAs"). These Contracts (issued after January 1, 1993) do not qualify for tax-deferral under federal tax rules governing Non-Qualified Annuities or Individual Retirement Annuities. Such Contracts are, however, issued to custodians of Individual Retirement Accounts ("IRAs") for the benefit of individual IRA account holders. Such account holders shall be the Annuitant under these Contracts. Annuity payments under the Contracts are deferred until a selected later date.

Purchase Payments are allocated to the Nationwide Variable Account ("Variable Account"), a separate account of Nationwide Life Insurance Company (the "Company"). The Variable Account is divided into Sub-Accounts, each of which invests in shares of the following underlying Mutual Fund options:

FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1993

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-Delchester Fund-Institutional Class	-Nationwide(R) Fund
-Dreyfus A Bonds Plus, Inc.	-Nationwide(R) Growth Fund
-Dreyfus S & P 500 Index Fund (Formerly Peoples Index Fund, Inc.)	-Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund
-The Evergreen Total Return Fund	-Nationwide(R) U.S. Government Income Fund
-Fidelity Advisor Equity Income Fund	-Neuberger & Berman Guardian Fund, Inc.
-Fidelity Advisor Growth Opportunities Fund	-Neuberger & Berman Limited Maturity Bond Fund
-Fidelity Advisor High Yield Fund	-Neuberger & Berman Partners Fund, Inc.
-Fidelity Advisor Income & Growth Fund	-Oppenheimer Global Fund
-Fidelity Asset Manager(TM)	
-Fidelity Equity-Income Fund	-Phoenix Balanced Fund Series
-Fidelity Magellan(R) Fund	-Strong Total Return Fund, Inc.
-Fidelity Puritan Fund	-Templeton Foreign Fund
-Fidelity VIP High Income Portfolio* (additional Purchase Payments or exchanges may not be made to this Fund on or after December 1, 1993).	-Twentieth Century Growth Investors
-Janus Fund	-Twentieth Century International Equity Fund
-Janus Twenty Fund	-Twentieth Century Ultra Investors
-MFS(R) World Governments Fund	-Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short-Term
-Nationwide(R) Bond Fund	-Warburg Pincus Emerging Growth Fund

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*The High Income Portfolio may invest in lower quality debt securities commonly referred to as junk bonds.

FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 25, 1982 AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1993

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-Fidelity Capital & Income Fund (additional Purchase Payments or exchanges may not be made to this Fund on or after May 1, 1991. Not available for Contracts issued on or after May 1, 1987).	-MFS(R) World Governments Fund
	-Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund
	-Twentieth Century Growth Investors
	-Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short-Term
-Fidelity VIP High Income Portfolio (additional Purchase Payments or exchanges may not be made to this Fund on or after December 1, 1993).	

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FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED BEFORE DECEMBER 25, 1982

-Nationwide(R) Bond Fund	-Nationwide(R) Growth Fund
-Nationwide(R) Fund	-Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund

This prospectus provides you with the basic information you should know about the Individual Deferred Variable Annuity Contracts issued by the Nationwide Variable Account before investing. You should read it and keep it for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information dated May 1, 1996, containing further information about the Contracts and the Nationwide Variable Account has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You can obtain a copy without charge from Nationwide Life Insurance Company by calling the number listed above or writing P.O. Box 16609, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6609.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THE PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DATED MAY 1, 1996, IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. THE TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION APPEARS ON PAGE 34 OF THE PROSPECTUS.

THE DATE OF THIS PROSPECTUS IS MAY 1, 1996.

GLOSSARY OF SPECIAL TERMS

ACCUMULATION UNIT- An accounting unit of measure used to calculate the Variable Account Contract Value prior to the Annuitization Date.

ANNUITANT- The person actually receiving annuity payments and upon whose continuation of life any annuity payment involving life contingencies depends. This person must be age 78 or younger at the time of Contract issuance. Although not the Owner of the Contract, the Annuitant may exercise rights of ownership in the Contract if so authorized by the holder of the Contract (an IRA custodian or Qualified Plan trustee(s)).

ANNUITIZATION- The period during which annuity payments are actually received.

ANNUITIZATION DATE- The date on which annuity payments actually commence.

ANNUITY COMMENCEMENT DATE- The date on which annuity payments are scheduled to commence. The Annuity Commencement Date is shown on the Data Page of the Contract, and is subject to change by the Owner.

ANNUITY PAYMENT OPTION- The chosen form of making annuity payments. Several options are available under this Contract.

ANNUITY UNIT- An accounting unit of measure used to calculate the value of Variable Annuity payments.

BENEFICIARY- The Beneficiary is the person designated to receive certain benefits under the Contract upon the death of the Annuitant prior to the Annuitization Date. The Beneficiary can be changed by the Contract Owner as set forth in the Contract.

CODE- The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

COMPANY- Nationwide Life Insurance Company.

CONTINGENT BENEFICIARY- The Contingent Beneficiary is the person designated to be the Beneficiary if the named Beneficiary is not living at the time of the death of the Annuitant.

CONTINGENT DESIGNATED ANNUITANT- The Contingent Designated Annuitant may be the recipient of certain rights or benefits under this Contract when the Annuitant dies before the Annuitization Date. If a Contingent Designated Annuitant is named on the application, all provisions of the Contract which are based on the death of the Annuitant will be based on the death of the last survivor of the Annuitant and the Contingent Designated Annuitant. The Owner's right to name a Contingent Designated Annuitant may be restricted under the provisions of any retirement or deferred compensation plan for which this Contract is issued.

CONTRACT- The Individual Deferred Variable Annuity Contract described in this prospectus.

CONTRACT ANNIVERSARY- An anniversary of the Date of Issue of the Contract.

CONTRACT OWNER (OWNER)- The Contract Owner is the person (an individual, a Qualified Plan trustee(s), or an IRA custodian) who possesses all rights under the Contract. In most cases, IRA custodians and Qualified Plan trustees will authorize the exercise of ownership rights in the Contract by the Annuitant, including the right to designate and change any designations of the Beneficiary, Contingent Beneficiary, Annuity Payment Option, the Annuity Commencement Date and the right to make exchanges and reallocations among the investment options available under the Contract. The Contract Owner is the person named on the application, unless changed.

CONTRACT VALUE- The sum of the value of all Variable Account Accumulation Units attributable to the Contract plus any amount held under the Contract in the Fixed Account.

CONTRACT YEAR- Each year the Contract remains in force commencing with the Date of Issue.

DATE OF ISSUE- The date shown as the Date of Issue on the Contract Data Page of the Contract.

DEATH BENEFIT- The benefit payable upon the death of the Designated Annuitant prior to the Annuitization Date. If the Annuitant dies after the Annuitization Date, any benefit that may be payable shall be as specified in the Annuity Payment Option elected.

DISTRIBUTION- Any payment of part or all of the Contract Value.

FIXED ACCOUNT- The Fixed Account is made up of all assets of the Company other than those in the Variable Account or any other segregated asset account of the Company.

FIXED ANNUITY- An annuity providing for payments which are guaranteed by the Company as to dollar amount during Annuitization.

HOME OFFICE- The main office of the Company located in Columbus, Ohio.

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT/IRA- A custodial account which qualifies for favorable tax treatment under Section 408 of the Code, and may hold this Contract as an investment asset. Other than Contracts sold prior to December 25, 1982, no Contracts described in this prospectus were or shall be sold as Individual Retirement Annuities.

INTEREST RATE GUARANTEE PERIOD- An Interest Rate Guarantee Period is the interval of time during which an interest rate credited to the Fixed Account under the Contract is guaranteed to remain the same. For new Purchase Payments to the Fixed Account or transfers from the Variable Account, this period begins upon the date of deposit or transfer and ends at the end of the calendar quarter at least one year (but not more than 15 months) from deposit or transfer. At the end of an Interest Rate Guarantee Period, a new interest rate is declared with an Interest Rate Guarantee Period starting at the end of the prior period and ending at the end of the calendar quarter one year later.

MUTUAL FUND (FUND)- A registered management investment company in which the assets of the Sub-Accounts of the Variable Account will be invested.

NON-QUALIFIED CONTRACT- A Contract which does not qualify for favorable tax treatment under Sections 401 (Qualified Plans), 408 (IRAs), or 403(b) (Tax Sheltered Annuities) of the Code. Only Contracts described in this prospectus that were issued prior to December 25, 1982 were issued as Non-Qualified Annuities.

PLAN PARTICIPANT- A Plan Participant is a person for whom contributions are being made to a Qualified Plan either through employer contributions or employee salary reduction contributions.

PURCHASE PAYMENT- A deposit of new value into the Contract. The term "Purchase Payment" does not include transfers between the Variable Account and Fixed Account, or among the Sub-Accounts.

QUALIFIED CONTRACT- A Contract which receives favorable tax treatment under the provisions of the Code, including those described in Section 401 and 403(a).

SUB-ACCOUNTS- Separate and distinct divisions of the Variable Account, to which specific underlying Mutual Fund shares are allocated and for which Accumulation Units and Annuity Units are separately maintained.

TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY- An annuity which qualifies for favorable tax treatment under Section 403(b) of the Code.

VALUATION DATE- Each day the New York Stock Exchange and the Company's Home Office are open for business or any other day during which there is a sufficient degree of trading of the Variable Account's underlying Mutual Fund shares that the current net asset value of its Accumulation Units might be materially affected.

VALUATION PERIOD- The period of time commencing at the close of business of the New York Stock Exchange and ending at the close of business for the next succeeding Valuation Date.

VARIABLE ACCOUNT- The Nationwide Separate Account, a separate investment account of the Company into which Variable Account Purchase Payments are allocated. The Variable Account is divided into Sub-Accounts, each of which invests in shares of a separate underlying Mutual Fund.

VARIABLE ANNUITY- An annuity providing for payments which vary in amount with the investment experience of the Variable Account.

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SUMMARY OF CONTRACT EXPENSES
(FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1993)

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MAXIMUM ANNUAL CONTRACT MAINTENANCE CHARGES(2)...	$30
VARIABLE ACCOUNT ANNUAL EXPENSES	
Mortality and Expense Risk Charge..........	1.25%
Administration Charge.....................	0.05%

Total Variable Account Annual Expenses..	1.30%

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(1) For Contracts issued on or after January 1, 1993 the maximum Contingent Deferred Sales Charge is 7%. Starting with the second year after a Purchase Payment has been made, 10% of that Purchase Payment may be withdrawn without imposition of a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge. The Contingent Deferred Sales Charge is waived for first-year withdrawals of up to 10% of premium or for Distributions required for the Contract to meet minimum Distribution requirements under the Code. This free withdrawal privilege is non-cumulative and must be used in the year available. The Contingent Deferred Sales Charge is imposed only against Purchase Payments.

(2) The annual Contract Maintenance Charge is deducted on each Contract Anniversary and in any year in which the entire Contract Value is surrendered on the date of Surrender (see "Contract Maintenance and Administration Charges").

(FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1993)

UNDERLYING MUTUAL FUND ANNUAL EXPENSES(3)
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<S>	Management Fees <C>	Other Expenses <C>	Total Portfolio Company Expenses <C>
Delchester Fund-Institutional Class	0.58%	0.25%	0.83%
Dreyfus A Bonds Plus, Inc.	0.65%	0.34%	0.99%
Dreyfus S & P 500 Index Fund (Formerly Peoples Index Fund(R), Inc.)	0.10%	0.45%	0.55%
The Dreyfus Third Century Fund, Inc.	0.75%	0.37%	1.12%
The Evergreen Total Return Fund	0.98%	0.21%	1.19%
Fidelity Advisor Equity Income Fund	0.50%	0.97%	1.47%
Fidelity Advisor Growth Opportunities Fund	0.69%	0.90%	1.59%
Fidelity Advisor High Yield Fund	0.60%	0.55%	1.15%
Fidelity Advisor Income & Growth Fund	0.52%	0.95%	1.47%
Fidelity Asset Manager	0.72%	0.25%	0.97%
Fidelity Equity-Income Fund	0.44%	0.24%	0.68%
Fidelity Magellan(R) Fund	0.75%	0.22%	0.97%
Fidelity Puritan Fund	0.52%	0.77%	1.29%
Fidelity VIP High Income Portfolio	0.60%	0.11%	0.71%
Janus Fund	0.66%	0.25%	0.91%
Janus Twenty Fund	0.67%	0.35%	1.02%
MFS(R) World Governments Fund	0.90%	0.71%	1.61%
Nationwide(R) Bond Fund	0.50%	0.21%	0.71%
Nationwide(R) Fund	0.50%	0.13%	0.63%
Nationwide(R) Growth Fund	0.50%	0.16%	0.66%
Nationwide(R) Money Market	0.45%	0.17%	0.62%
Nationwide(R) U.S. Government Income Fund	0.65%	0.43%	1.08%
Neuberger & Berman Guardian Fund, Inc.	0.72%	0.13%	0.85%
Neuberger & Berman Limited Maturity Bond Fund	0.51%	0.19%	0.70%
Neuberger & Berman Partners Fund, Inc.	0.76%	0.11%	0.87%

Oppenheimer Global Fund	0.72%	0.48%	1.20%
Phoenix Balanced Fund Series	0.50%	0.52%	1.02%
Strong Total Return Fund, Inc.	0.80%	0.34%	1.14%
Templeton Foreign Fund	0.63%	0.52%	1.15%
Twentieth Century Growth Investors	1.00%	0.00%	1.00%
Twentieth Century International Equity Fund	1.77%	0.00%	1.77&
Twentieth Century Ultra Investors	1.00%	0.00%	1.00%
Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short Term	0.70%	0.00%	0.70%
Warburg Pincus Emerging Growth Fund	0.90%	0.36%	1.26%

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(3) The Mutual Fund expenses shown above are assessed at the underlying Mutual Fund level and are not direct charges against Variable Account assets or reductions from Contract Values. These underlying Mutual Fund expenses are taken into consideration in computing each underlying Mutual Fund's net asset value, which is the share price used to calculate the unit values of the Variable Account. The management fees and other expenses, some of which are subject to fee waivers or expense reimbursements, are more fully described in prospectuses for each underlying Mutual Fund. The information relating to the underlying Mutual Fund expenses was provided by the underlying Mutual Fund and was not independently verified by the Company.

(FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1993)
EXAMPLE

The following chart depicts the dollar amount of expenses that would be incurred under this Contract assuming a $1000 investment and 5% annual return. These dollar figures are illustrative only and should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses. Actual expenses may be greater or lesser than those shown below. The expense amounts presented are derived from a formula which allows the $30 Contract Maintenance Charge to be expressed as a percentage of the average Contract account size for existing Contracts. Since the average Contract account size for Contracts issued under this prospectus is greater than $1000, the expense effect of the Contract Maintenance Charge is reduced accordingly.

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Delchester Fund-Inst'l	96	117	150	264	23	72	123	264	*	72	123	264
Dreyfus A Bonds Plus	95	122	153	281	25	77	132	281	*	77	132	281
Dreyfus S & P 500 Index Fund (Formerly Peoples Index Fund, Inc.)	90	108	136	234	20	63	109	234	*	63	109	234
The Dreyfus Third Century Fund, Inc.	96	126	166	294	26	81	139	294	*	81	139	294
The Evergreen Total Return Fund	97	128	169	302	27	83	142	302	*	83	142	302
Fidelity Advisor Fund Equity Income Fund	100	137	184	330	30	92	157	330	*	92	157	330
Fidelity Advisor Fund Growth Opportunities Fund	101	141	190	342	31	96	163	342	*	96	163	342
Fidelity Advisor High Yield Fund	97	127	167	298	27	82	140	298	*	82	140	298
Fidelity Advisor Income & Growth Fund	100	137	184	330	30	92	157	330	*	92	157	330

Fidelity Asset Manager(TM)	95	122	158	279	25	77	131	279	*	77	131	279
Fidelity Equity-Income Fund	92	112	143	248	22	67	116	248	*	67	116	248
Fidelity Magellan Fund	95	122	158	279	25	77	131	279	*	77	131	279
Fidelity Puritan Fund	98	132	175	312	28	87	148	312	*	87	142	312
Fidelity VIP High Income Portfolio	92	113	144	251	22	68	117	251	*	68	117	251
Janus Fund	94	120	155	273	24	75	128	273	*	75	128	273
Janus Twenty Fund	95	123	160	284	25	78	133	284	*	78	133	284
MFS(R) World Governments Fund	102	142	191	344	32	97	164	344	*	97	164	344
Nationwide(R) Bond Fund	92	113	144	251	22	68	117	251	*	68	117	251
Nationwide(R) Fund	91	111	140	243	21	66	113	243	*	66	113	243
Nationwide(R) Growth Fund	92	112	141	246	22	67	114	246	*	67	114	246
Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund	91	110	139	242	21	65	112	242	*	65	112	242

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Nationwide(R) U.S. Government Income Fund	96	125	164	290	26	80	137	290	*	80	137	290
Neuberger & Berman Guardian Fund, Inc.	94	118	152	266	24	73	125	266	*	73	125	266
Neuberger & Berman Limited Maturity Bond Fund	92	113	144	250	22	68	117	250	*	68	117	250
Neuberger & Berman Partners Fund, Inc.	94	118	153	268	24	73	126	268	*	73	126	268
Oppenheimer Global Fund	97	129	170	303	27	84	143	323	*	84	143	303
Phoenix Balanced Fund Series	95	123	160	284	25	78	133	284	*	78	133	284
Strong Total Return Fund, Inc.	97	127	167	297	27	82	140	297	*	82	140	297
Templeton Foreign Fund	97	127	167	298	27	82	140	298	*	82	140	298
Twentieth Century Growth Investors	95	122	159	282	25	77	132	282	*	77	132	282
Twentieth Century International Equity Fund	103	147	199	359	33	102	172	359	*	102	172	359

Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short-Term	92	113	144	250	22	68	117	250	*	68	117	250
Twentieth Century Ultra Investors	95	122	159	282	25	77	132	282	*	77	132	282
Warburg Pincus Emerging Growth Fund	98	131	173	309	28	86	146	309	*	86	146	309

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SUMMARY OF CONTRACT EXPENSES
(FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1993)

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CONTRACT TRANSACTION EXPENSES	
Maximum Contingent Deferred Sales Charge(1)	5%
MAXIMUM ANNUAL CONTRACT MAINTENANCE CHARGES(2)	$ 30
VARIABLE ACCOUNT ANNUAL EXPENSES	
Mortality and Expense Risk Charge	1.30%
Total Variable Account Annual Expenses	1.30%

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UNDERLYING MUTUAL FUND ANNUAL EXPENSES(3)

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<S>	MANAGEMENT FEES <C>	OTHER EXPENSES <C>	TOTAL PORTFOLIO COMPANY EXPENSES <C>
FIDELITY CAPITAL & INCOME FUND	0.70%	0.30%	1.00%
FIDELITY VIP HIGH INCOME PORTFOLIO	0.60%	0.11%	0.71%
MFS WORLD GOVERNMENTS FUND	0.90%	0.71%	1.61%
NATIONWIDE(R) MONEY MARKET FUND	0.45%	0.17%	0.62%
TWENTIETH CENTURY GROWTH INVESTORS	1.00%	0.00%	1.00%
TWENTIETH CENTURY U.S. GOVERNMENTS SHORT-TERM	0.70%	0.00%	0.70%
NATIONWIDE(R) BOND FUND*	0.50%	0.21%	0.71%
NATIONWIDE(R) FUND*	0.50%	0.13%	0.63%
NATIONWIDE(R) GROWTH FUND*	0.50%	0.16%	0.66%

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(1) For Purchase Payments made after January 30, 1981 the Contract Owner may, after the first year from the date of such Purchase Payment, withdraw 5% of that Purchase Payment without imposition of a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge. For Contracts issued prior to August 4, 1981 starting with the third Contract Year, the Company will waive Contingent Deferred Sales Charge on surrendered amounts equal on a cumulative basis to 10% of Purchase Payments (see "Contingent Deferred Sales Charge").

(2) The annual Contract Maintenance Charge is deducted on each Contract Anniversary and in any year in which the entire Contract Value is surrendered on the date of Surrender (see "Contract Maintenance and Administration Charges").

(3) The Mutual Fund expenses shown above are assessed at the underlying Mutual Fund level and are not direct charges against separate account assets or reductions from Contract Values. These underlying Mutual Fund expenses are taken into consideration in computing each underlying Mutual Fund's net asset value, which is the share price used to calculate the unit values of the Variable Account. The management fees and other expenses, some of which are subject to fee waivers or expense reimbursements, are more fully described in prospectuses for each underlying Mutual Fund. The information relating to the underlying Mutual Fund expenses was provided by the underlying Mutual Fund and was not independently verified by the Company.

(FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1993)
EXAMPLE

The following chart depicts the dollar amount of expenses that would be incurred under this Contract assuming a $1000 initial Purchase Payment and 5% annual return. These dollar figures are illustrative only and should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses. Actual expenses may be greater or lesser than those shown below. The expense amounts presented are derived from a formula which allows the $30 Contract Maintenance Charge to be expressed as a percentage of the average contract account size for existing Contracts. Since the average contract account size for Contracts issued under this prospectus is greater than $1000, the expense effect of the Contract Maintenance Charge is reduced accordingly.

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Fidelity Capital & Income Fund	75	122	172	282	25	77	132	282	**	77	132	282
Fidelity VIP High Income Portfolio	72	113	157	251	22	68	117	251	**	68	117	251
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Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund	71	110	152	242	21	65	112	242	**	65	112	242
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Nationwide(R) Fund*	71	111	153	243	21	66	113	243	**	66	113	243
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SYNOPSIS

The Company does not deduct a sales charge from Purchase Payments made for these Contracts. However, if any part of the Contract Value of such Contracts is surrendered, the Company will, with certain exceptions, deduct a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge not to exceed 7% of the lesser of the total of all Purchase Payments made within 84 months prior to the date of the request to surrender, or the amount surrendered. For Contracts issued before January 1, 1993 the Company will deduct a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge not to exceed 5% of the lesser of the total of all Purchase Payments made within 96 months prior to the date of the request to surrender, or the amount surrendered. This charge, when applicable, is imposed to permit the Company to recover sales expenses which have been advanced by the Company (see "Contingent Deferred Sales Charge").

In addition, on each Contract Anniversary the Company will deduct an annual Contract Maintenance Charge of $30 from the Contract Value of such Contracts. The Company will also assess for Contracts issued on or after January 1, 1993 an Administration Charge equal to an annual rate of 0.05% of the daily net asset value of the Variable Account. These charges are to reimburse the Company for administrative expenses related to the issuance and maintenance of the Contracts. The Company does not expect to recover from these charges an amount in excess of accumulated administrative expenses (see "Contract Maintenance and Administration Charges").

The Company deducts a Mortality Risk Charge equal to an annual rate of 0.80% of the daily net asset value of the Variable Account for mortality risk assumed by the Company (see "Mortality Risk Charge").

The Company deducts an Expense Risk Charge equal to an annual rate of 0.45% (0.50% for Contracts issued prior to January 1, 1993) of the daily net asset value of the Variable Account as compensation for the Company's risk in undertaking not to increase administrative charges on the Contracts regardless of the actual administrative costs (see "Expense Risk Charge").

The cumulative total of all Purchase Payments under Contracts issued on the life of any one Designated Annuitant may not exceed $1,000,000 without the prior consent of the Company (see "Allocations of Purchase Payments and Contract Value").

If the Contract Value at the Annuitization Date is less than $500, the Contract Value may be distributed in one lump sum in lieu of annuity payments. If any annuity payment would be less than $20, the Company shall have the right to change the frequency of payments to such intervals as will result in payments of at least $20. In no event, however, will annuity payments be made less frequently than annually (see "Frequency and Amount of Annuity Payments").

Premium taxes payable to any governmental entity will be charged against the Contracts. If any such premium taxes are payable by the Company at the time Purchase Payments are made, an equal premium tax deduction may be made from the Contract prior to the allocation of any Purchase Payment to any underlying Mutual Fund option (see "Premium Taxes").

To be sure that the Contract Owner (or Annuitant if the Annuitant has been authorized to exercise ownership rights under the Contract) is satisfied with the Contract, the Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) has a ten day free look. Within ten days of the day the Contract is received, it may be returned to the Home Office of the Company, at the address shown on page 1 of this prospectus. When the Contract is received by the Company, the Company will void the Contract and refund the Contract Value in full unless otherwise required by state and/or federal law. All Individual Retirement Annuity refunds will be return of Purchase Payments (see "Right To Revoke").

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Delchester Fund Inst'l-Q	10.867271	12.257125	12.79%	65,214	1995
	11.511092	10.867271	-5.59%	43,997	1994
	10.000000	11.511092	15.11%	15,953	1993
Dreyfus A Bonds Plus, Inc.-Q	9.110600	10.819193	18.75%	53,005	1995
	10.000000	9.110600	-8.89%	15,283	1994
Dreyfus S & P 500 Index Fund (Formerly Peoples Index Fund-Q)	10.749166	14.505515	34.95%	33,323	1995
	10.819026	10.749166	-0.65%	12,668	1994
	10.000000	10.819026	8.19%	585	1993
The Dreyfus Third Century Fund, Inc.-Q	9.570659	12.829548	34.05%	12,292	1995
	10.477293	9.570659	-8.65%	7,325	1994
	10.000000	10.477293	4.77%	2,583	1993
The Evergreen Total Return Fund-Q	10.301799	12.594984	22.26%	60,789	1995
	11.153183	10.301799	-7.63%	51,305	1994
	10.000000	11.153183	11.53%	32,321	1993
Fidelity Advisor Equity Income Fund-Q	10.000000	10.213719	2.14%	0	1995
Fidelity Advisor Growth Opportunities Fund-Q	10.000000	10.325686	3.26%	0	1995
Fidelity Advisor High Yield Fund-Q	10.000000	10.057673	0.58%	0	1995
Fidelity Advisor Income & Growth Fund-Q	10.000000	10.177458	1.77%	0	1995
Fidelity Asset Manager-Q	9.589367	11.183603	16.63%	198,546	1995
	10.415849	9.589367	-7.93%	150,536	1994
	10.000000	10.415849	4.16%	3,292	1993
Fidelity Magellan(R) Fund-Q	11.964387	16.158074	35.05%	563,859	1995
	12.346838	11.964387	-3.10%	307,064	1994
	10.000000	12.346838	23.47%	59,100	1993
Fidelity Puritan Fund-Q	12.020413	14.410892	19.89%	301,466	1995
	11.972512	12.020413	0.40%	161,179	1994
	10.000000	11.972512	19.73%	44,320	1993
Janus Fund-Q	10.000000	10.239338	2.39%	0	1995
	8.701036	11.699046	34.46%	96,594	1995

Janus Twenty Fund-Q	9.451097	8.701036	-7.94%	56,135	1994
	10.000000	9.451097	-5.49%	1,020	1993
Neuberger & Berman Guardian Fund-Q	9.640402	12.571028	30.40%	139,046	1995
	10.000000	9.640402	-3.60%	25,549	1994
Neuberger & Berman Limited Maturity Bond Fund-Q	9.833352	10.73507	9.17%	91,976	1995
	9.995028	9.833352	-1.62%	89,231	1994
	10.000000	9.995028	-0.05%	423	1993
Neuberger & Berman Partners Fund-Q	11.183371	14.924653	33.45%	73,504	1995
	11.548721	11.183371	-3.16%	38,329	1994
	10.000000	11.548721	15.49%	9,926	1993
Oppenheimer Global Fund-Q	13.503390	15.53885	15.07%	160,871	1995
	14.119303	13.503390	-4.36%	87,590	1994
	10.000000	14.119303	41.19%	5,128	1993
Phoenix Balanced Fund Series-Q	9.338434	11.373217	21.79%	23,786	1995
	10.000000	9.338434	-6.62%	9,028	1994
Strong Total Return Fund, Inc.-Q	11.881033	14.893186	25.35%	41,291	1995
	12.205201	11.881033	-2.66%	19,727	1994
	10.000000	12.205201	22.05%	3,939	1993
Twentieth Century Ultra Investors-Q	9.043121	12.289075	35.89%	266,570	1995
	9.505758	9.043121	-4.87%	116,020	1994
	10.000000	9.505758	-4.94%	2,713	1993

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(1) The unit value information is not provided for the Templeton Foreign Fund and the TCI International Equity Fund because those underlying Mutual Funds were only added to the Variable Account on February 1, 1995 and therefore have no unit value histories prior to that time.

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TCI-International Equity Fund-Q	10.000000	11.748911	17.49%	25,477	1995
Templeton Foreign Fund-Q	10.000000	11.097523	10.98%	69,083	1995
Nationwide(R) Fund-Q	45.095466	57.857937	28.30%	30,473	1995
	45.422888	45.095466	-0.72%	32,311	1994
	43.104048	45.422888	5.38%	32,770	1993
	42.418147	43.104048	1.62%	30,648	1992
	33.001868	42.418147	28.53%	28,864	1991
	33.337339	33.001868	-1.01%	27,869	1990

	25.242361	33.337339	32.07%	26,210	1989
	21.904484	25.242361	15.24%	34,078	1988
	21.753896	21.904484	0.69%	29,853	1987
	18.738993	21.753896	16.09%	30,428	1986
	13.914957	18.738993	34.67%	23,160	1985
	13.283383	13.914957	4.75%	26,218	1984
Nationwide(R) Fund-NQ	46.971513	60.264917	28.30%	258	1995
	47.312558	46.971513	-0.72%	259	1994
	44.897247	47.312558	5.38%	260	1993
	44.182806	44.897247	1.62%	261	1992
	34.374796	44.182806	28.53%	753	1991
	34.724214	34.374796	-1.01%	1,169	1990
	26.292480	34.724214	32.07%	3,791	1989
	22.815734	26.292480	15.24%	4,689	1988
	22.658886	22.815734	0.69%	4,939	1987
	19.518552	22.658886	16.09%	5,238	1986
	14.493830	19.518552	34.67%	5,139	1985
	13.835981	14.493830	4.75%	5,141	1984
Nationwide(R) Growth Fund-Q	51.535806	65.471148	27.04%	48,841	1995
	51.458079	51.535806	0.15%	48,009	1994
	46.832151	51.458079	9.88%	48,190	1993
	44.639577	46.832151	4.91%	48,853	1992
	33.241418	44.639577	34.29%	42,168	1991
	36.439953	33.241418	-8.78%	43,789	1990
	32.118373	36.439953	13.46%	53,223	1989
	26.557068	32.118373	20.94%	58,604	1988
	26.282362	26.557068	1.05%	61,931	1987
	22.485465	26.282362	16.89%	61,795	1986
	17.090851	22.485465	31.56%	51,773	1985
	15.974526	17.090851	6.99%	33,021	1984

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Nationwide(R) Growth Fund-NQ	54.415339	69.129314	27.04%	120	1995
	54.333269	54.415339	0.15%	121	1994
	49.448867	54.333269	9.88%	126	1993

	47.133788	49.448867	4.91%	397	1992
	35.098768	47.133788	34.29%	568	1991
	38.476025	35.098768	-8.78%	580	1990
	33.912975	38.476025	13.46%	2,019	1989
	28.040930	33.912975	20.94%	2,498	1988
	27.750867	28.040930	1.05%	2,757	1987
	23.741823	27.750867	16.89%	2,270	1986
	18.045792	23.741823	31.56%	2,246	1985
	16.867093	18.045792	6.99%	2,249	1984
Nationwide(R) Bond Fund-Q	30.832258	37.782872	22.54%	38,843	1995
	33.991130	30.832258	-9.29%	35,282	1994
	31.104546	33.991130	9.28%	35,392	1993
	29.186916	31.104546	6.57%	21,409	1992
	25.300143	29.186916	15.36%	18,724	1991
	23.686756	25.300143	6.81%	16,600	1990
	21.674206	23.686756	9.29%	20,519	1989
	20.301575	21.674206	6.76%	21,508	1988
	20.512400	20.301575	-1.03%	21,175	1987
	18.406923	20.512400	11.44%	19,962	1986
	15.655621	18.406923	17.57%	10,849	1985
	13.906483	15.655621	12.58%	7,239	1984
Nationwide(R) Bond Fund-NQ	30.700082	37.620900	22.54%	622	1995
	33.845410	30.700082	-9.29%	657	1994
	30.971200	33.845410	9.28%	676	1993
	29.061793	30.971200	6.57%	836	1992
	25.191682	29.061793	15.36%	1,030	1991
	23.585215	25.191682	6.81%	1,070	1990
	21.581298	23.585215	9.29%	1,061	1989
	20.214557	21.581298	6.76%	1,063	1988
	20.424489	20.214557	-1.03%	1,340	1987
	18.328041	20.424489	11.44%	717	1986
	15.588540	18.328041	17.57%	304	1985
	13.846897	15.588540	12.58%	304	1984
Nationwide(R) U.S. Government Income Fund-Q	10.000000	10.124709	1.25%	0	1995

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Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund-Q* -Contracts issued before December 25, 1982	22.850271	23.797066	4.14%	49,996	1995
	22.315407	22.850271	2.40%	56,127	1994
	22.042019	22.315407	1.24%	68,074	1993
	21.636991	22.042019	1.87%	92,318	1992
	20.752553	21.636991	4.26%	118,625	1991
	19.490217	20.752553	6.48%	139,482	1990
	18.134311	19.490217	7.48%	143,367	1989
	17.153896	18.134311	5.72%	141,139	1988
	16.365495	17.153896	4.82%	167,178	1987
	15.592616	16.365495	4.96%	170,053	1986
	14.634154	15.592616	6.55%	195,495	1985
	13.434102	14.634154	8.93%	213,440	1984
Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund-NQ* -Contracts issued before December 25, 1982	22.994681	23.947460	4.14%	1,323	1995
	22.456439	22.994681	2.40%	1,329	1994
	22.181323	22.456439	1.24%	1,335	1993
	21.773734	22.181323	1.87%	2,211	1992
	20.883706	21.773734	4.26%	3,526	1991
	19.613392	20.883706	6.48%	3,539	1990
	18.248916	19.613392	7.48%	4,681	1989
	17.262304	18.248916	5.72%	4,923	1988
	16.468923	17.262304	4.82%	5,697	1987
	15.691157	16.468923	4.96%	6,392	1986
	14.726641	15.691157	6.55%	9,046	1985
	13.519005	14.726641	8.93%	15,764	1984

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* The 7-day yield on the Nationwide Money Market Fund as of December 31, 1995, was 3.88%.

Accumulation Unit Values for an Accumulation Unit outstanding throughout the period.

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FUND	ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE AT END OF PERIOD	PERCENT CHANGE IN ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE	NUMBER OF ACCUMULATION UNITS AT END OF THE PERIOD	YEAR
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Fidelity Capital & Income Fund-Q	32.589111	37.550944	15.23%	37,608	1995
	34.612981	32.589111	-5.85%	47,236	1994
	28.076548	34.612981	23.28%	59,521	1993
	22.214568	28.076548	26.39%	67,342	1992
	17.337275	22.214568	28.13%	73,366	1991
	18.269034	17.337275	-5.10%	100,081	1990

	19.118217	18.269034	-4.44%	181,935	1989
	17.209582	19.118217	11.09%	209,084	1988
	17.219486	17.209582	-0.06%	222,142	1987
	14.790934	17.219486	16.42%	245,592	1986
	11.937295	14.790934	23.91%	186,458	1985
	10.941999	11.937295	9.10%	85,802	1984
MFS(R) World Governments Fund-Q	31.104159	35.454983	13.99%	34,015	1995
	33.728667	31.104159	-7.78%	39,642	1994
	28.864451	33.728667	16.85%	45,016	1993
	28.856612	28.864451	0.03%	48,580	1992
	25.777493	28.856612	11.94%	39,397	1991
	22.152081	25.777493	16.37%	44,525	1990
	20.902197	22.152081	5.98%	44,572	1989
	20.287562	20.902197	3.03%	54,351	1988
	16.504183	20.287562	22.92%	69,736	1987
	12.845363	16.504183	28.48%	53,614	1986
	10.026547	12.845363	28.11%	21,316	1985
	9.926953	10.026547	1.00%	8,044	1984
Fidelity Equity-Income Fund-Q	35.576037	46.285491	30.10%	263,736	1995
	35.955883	35.576037	-1.06%	306,544	1994
	30.029661	35.955883	19.73%	305,774	1993
	26.531856	30.029661	13.18%	285,928	1992
	20.772673	26.531856	27.72%	294,858	1991
	24.479712	20.772673	-15.14%	330,860	1990
	20.898784	24.479712	17.13%	408,022	1989
	17.285651	20.898784	20.90%	399,082	1988
	17.804841	17.285651	-2.92%	434,996	1987
	15.408481	17.804841	15.55%	296,988	1986
	12.482893	15.408481	23.44%	167,305	1985
	11.442838	12.482893	9.09%	78,085	1984

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Accumulation Unit Values for an Accumulation Unit outstanding throughout the period.

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FUND	ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE AT END OF PERIOD	PERCENT CHANGE IN ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE	NUMBER OF ACCUMULATION UNITS AT END OF THE PERIOD	YEAR
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Twentieth Century Growth Investors-Q	38.113717	45.274141	18.79%	231,124	1995
	39.197771	38.113717	-2.77%	324,141	1994
	38.275689	39.197771	2.41%	335,369	1993

	40.518750	38.275689	-5.54%	404,811	1992
	24.287059	40.518750	66.83%	410,440	1991
	25.592676	24.287059	-5.10%	401,940	1990
	18.114515	25.592676	41.28%	428,017	1989
	17.866465	18.114515	1.39%	470,808	1988
	16.040713	17.866465	11.38%	564,503	1987
	13.641819	16.040713	17.58%	754,611	1986
	10.317997	13.641819	32.21%	880,137	1985
	11.776821	10.317997	-12.39%	938,102	1984
Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund-Q* For Contracts issued on or after December 25, 1982	18.146709	18.898613	4.14%	424,693	1995
	17.721943	18.146709	2.40%	326,464	1994
	17.504831	17.721943	1.24%	294,859	1993
	17.183173	17.504831	1.87%	303,845	1992
	16.480790	17.183173	4.26%	450,748	1991
	15.478296	16.480790	6.48%	548,549	1990
	14.401492	15.478296	7.48%	568,349	1989
	13.622887	14.401492	5.72%	731,284	1988
	12.996777	13.622887	4.82%	798,771	1987
	12.382985	12.996777	4.96%	292,431	1986
	11.621822	12.382985	6.55%	188,214	1985
	10.668791	11.621822	8.93%	198,730	1984
Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short-Term-Q	18.748399	20.449954	9.08%	216,620	1995
	19.087872	18.748399	-1.78%	183,649	1994
	18.563845	19.087872	2.82%	182,484	1993
	18.018283	18.563845	3.03%	177,970	1992
	16.352445	18.018283	10.19%	191,264	1991
	15.400806	16.352445	6.18%	188,328	1990
	14.188398	15.400806	8.55%	224,117	1989
	13.608723	14.188398	4.26%	252,401	1988
	13.278840	13.608723	2.48%	215,842	1987
	12.240182	13.278840	8.49%	100,711	1986
	10.975550	12.240182	11.52%	26,196	1985
	10.000000	10.975550	9.76%	6,244	1984
Fidelity VIP- High Income Portfolio	16.267014	19.364421	19.04%	22,970	1995
	16.739460	16.267014	-2.82%	34,151	1994
	14.073333	16.739460	18.94%	62,931	1993
	11.587552	14.073333	21.45%	42,842	1992
	10.000000	11.587552	15.88%	10,365	1991
Warburg Pincus Emerging Growth Fund-Q	10.000000	10.895016	8.95%	0	1995

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NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

The Company is a stock life insurance company organized under the laws of the State of Ohio in March 1929. The Company is a member of the Nationwide Insurance Enterprise, with its Home Office at One Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6609. The Company offers a complete line of life insurance, including annuities and accident and health insurance. It is admitted to do business in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and in all states.

The Company is also ranked and rated by independent financial rating services, among which are Moody's, Standard and Poor's, and A.M. Best Company. The purpose of these ratings is to reflect the financial strength or claims-paying ability of the Company. The ratings are not intended to reflect the investment experience or financial strength of the Variable Account. The Company may advertise these ratings in sales literature from time to time.

THE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

The Variable Account was established by the Company on March 3, 1976, pursuant to the provisions of Ohio law. The Company has caused the Variable Account to be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a unit investment trust pursuant to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Such registration does not involve supervision of the management of the Variable Account or the Company by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Variable Account is a separate investment account of the Company and as such, is not chargeable with liabilities arising out of any other business the Company may conduct. The Company does not guarantee the investment performance of the Variable Account. Obligations under the Contracts, however, are obligations of the Company. Income, gains and losses, whether or not realized, from the assets of the Variable Account are, in accordance with the Contracts, credited to or charged against the Variable Account without regard to other income, gains, or losses of the Company.

Purchase Payments are allocated within the Variable Account among one or more Sub-Accounts made up of shares in the underlying Mutual Fund option(s). There are two Sub-Accounts within the Variable Account for each of the underlying Mutual Fund options which may be designated by the Contract Owner under Contracts issued prior to December 25, 1982. One such Sub-Account contains the underlying Mutual Fund shares attributable to Accumulation Units under Qualified Contracts and one such Sub-Account contains the underlying Mutual Fund shares attributable to Accumulation Units under Non-Qualified Contracts. From December 25, 1982 until December 31, 1992, only Qualified Contracts were issued under the Variable Account. Currently (and at all times after January 1, 1993) the Contracts are issued to IRA custodians for the benefit of IRA account holders.

UNDERLYING MUTUAL FUND OPTIONS

Contract Owners (or Annuitants, if Annuitants have been authorized to exercise ownership rights under the Contract) may choose from among a number of different underlying Mutual Fund options (see Appendix B which contains a summary of investment objectives for each underlying Mutual Fund option). More detailed information may be found in the current prospectus for each underlying Mutual Fund option offered. Such a prospectus for the underlying Mutual Fund option(s) being considered must accompany this prospectus and should be read in conjunction herewith. You can obtain a copy of each prospectus without charge from Nationwide Life Insurance Company by calling 1-800-848-6331, TDD 1-800-238-3035 or writing P.O. Box 16609, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6609.

Some of the underlying Mutual Fund options may be available to registered separate accounts offering variable annuity and variable life products of other participating insurance companies, as well as to the Variable Account and other separate accounts of the Company. Although the Company does not anticipate any disadvantages to this, there is a possibility that a material conflict may arise between the interest of the Variable Account and one or more of the other separate accounts participating in the underlying Mutual Funds. A conflict may occur due to a change in law affecting the operations of variable life and variable annuity separate accounts, differences in the voting instructions of the Contract Owners and those of other companies, or some other reason. In the event of conflict, the Company will take any steps necessary to protect Contract Owners and variable annuity payees, including withdrawal of the Variable Account from participation in the underlying Mutual Fund or Mutual Funds which are involved in the conflict.

For Contracts issued after January 1, 1993, the underlying Mutual Fund options offered are also available to the general public. Based on the Company's marketing plan for the Contracts (the Contracts will be exclusively marketed through IRA custodial accounts), the Company does not anticipate any disadvantages to this. There is, however, a possibility that a material conflict may arise between those with interests in the Contracts, the Variable Account and the various individuals and entities holding shares of the Mutual Funds. A conflict may occur due to a change in law affecting the operations of variable annuity separate accounts, differences in the voting instructions of the Owners and others maintaining a voting interest in the underlying Mutual Funds, or some other reason. In the event of conflict, the Company will take any steps necessary to protect those with interests in the Contracts.

VOTING RIGHTS

Voting rights under the Contracts apply ONLY with respect to Purchase Payments or accumulated amounts allocated to the Variable Account.

In accordance with its view of present applicable law, the Company will vote the shares of the underlying Mutual Funds held in the Variable Account at regular and special meetings of the shareholders of the underlying Mutual Funds. These shares will be voted in accordance with instruction received from Contract Owners who have an interest in the Variable Account. If the Investment Company Act of 1940 or any regulation thereunder should be amended or if the present interpretation thereof should change, and as result the Company determines that it is permitted to vote the shares of the underlying Mutual Funds in its own right, it may elect to do so.

The number of shares held in the Variable Account which are attributable to each Contract Owner is determined by dividing the Contract Owner's interest in the Variable Account by the net asset value of the applicable shares of the underlying Mutual Funds. The number of shares which a Contract Owner has the right to vote will be determined as of a date chosen by the Company not more than 90 days prior to the meeting of the underlying Mutual Fund and voting instructions will be solicited by written communication at least 21 days prior to such meeting.

Underlying Mutual Fund shares held in the Variable Account as to which no timely instructions are received will be voted by the Company in the same proportion as the voting instructions which are received with respect to all Contracts participating in the Variable Account.

Each person having a voting interest in the Variable Account will receive periodic reports relating to the underlying Mutual Fund, proxy material and a form with which to give such voting instructions.

In those cases in which the Annuitant has been authorized to exercise ownership rights, the Company will accept voting instructions from the Annuitant and provide all necessary information to the Annuitant as if he or she were the Contract Owner.

VARIABLE ACCOUNT CHARGES, PURCHASE PAYMENTS, AND OTHER DEDUCTIONS

MORTALITY RISK CHARGE

The Company assumes a "mortality risk" by virtue of annuity rates incorporated into the Contract which cannot be changed regardless of the death rates of persons receiving annuity payments or of the general population.

For assuming this mortality risk, the Company deducts a Mortality Risk Charge from the Variable Account. This amount is computed on a daily basis, and is equal on an annual rate of 0.80% of the daily net asset value of the Variable Account. The Company expects to generate a profit through assessing this charge.

EXPENSE RISK CHARGE

The Company will not increase charges for administration of the Contracts regardless of its actual expenses. For assuming this expense risk, the Company assesses an Expense Risk Charge from the Variable Account. This amount is computed on a daily basis, and is equal on an annual rate of 0.45% (0.50% for Contracts issued prior to January 1, 1993) of the daily net asset value of the Variable Account. The Company expects to generate a profit through assessing this charge.

CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE

No deduction for a sales charge is made from the Purchase Payments for these Contracts. However, if any part of the Contract Value of such Contracts is surrendered, the Company will, with certain exceptions (see "Elimination of Contingent Deferred Sales Charge" section), deduct a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge not to exceed 7% of the lesser of the total of all Purchase Payments made within 84 months prior to the date of the request to surrender, or the amount surrendered. The Contingent Deferred Sales Charge, when it is applicable, will be used to cover expenses relating to the sale of the Contracts, including commissions paid to sales personnel, the costs of preparation of sales literature and other promotional activity. The Company attempts to recover its distribution costs relating to the sale of the Contracts from the Contingent Deferred Sales Charge. Any shortfall will be made up from the General Account of the Company, which may indirectly include portions of the Mortality and Expense Risk Charges since the Company expects to generate a profit through these charges. Gross Distribution Allowances which may be paid on the sale of these Contracts are not more than 5.25% of the Purchase Payments.

If part or all of the Contract Value is surrendered, a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge will be deducted by the Company. For purposes of the Contingent Deferred Sales Charge, surrenders under a Contract come first from the Purchase Payments which have been on deposit under the Contract for the longest time period. (For tax purposes, a surrender is usually treated as a withdrawal of earnings first.)

FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1993

For Contracts issued on or after January 1, 1993, the Contingent Deferred Sales Charge will apply in the amounts set forth below. In no event will any Contingent Deferred Sales Charge be made against any values which have been held under the Contract for at least 84 months, or to commencement of an annuity payout under Contracts which have been in effect for at least two years or upon the death of the Annuitant.

NUMBER OF COMPLETED YEARS FROM DATE OF PURCHASE PAYMENT	CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE PERCENTAGE	NUMBER OF COMPLETED YEARS FROM DATE OF PURCHASE PAYMENT	CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE PERCENTAGE
0	7%	4	3%
1	6%	5	2%
2	5%	6	1%
3	4%	7	0%

Starting with the second year after a Purchase Payment has been made under the Contract, 10% of that Purchase Payment may be withdrawn each year without imposition of the Contingent Deferred Sales Charge. This free withdrawal privilege is non-cumulative and will not exceed 10% of the Purchase Payment in any year. The Contingent Deferred Sales Charge is waived for the first-year for those Distributions required for the Contract to meet minimum distribution rules under the Code. No sales charges are deducted on redemption proceeds that are transferred to the Fixed Account option of this annuity. The Contract Owner may be subject to a tax penalty if the Contract Owner takes withdrawals prior to age 59-1/2.

FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1993

For Contracts issued before January 1, 1993 a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge will be deducted by the Company equal to 5% of the lesser of the total of all Purchase Payments made within 96 months prior to the date of the request for surrender, or the amount surrendered. In no event will any Contingent Deferred Sales Charge be made against any values which have been held under the Contract for at least 96 months. Certain partial surrenders of Contract Values may be requested for which no Contingent Deferred Sales Charge will be assessed, set forth as follows:

(a) For all Purchase Payments made after January 30, 1981, the Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if applicable) may, after the first year from the date of each such Purchase Payment, withdraw without a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge, up to 5% of that Purchase Payment for each year that the Purchase Payment has remained on deposit (less the amount of such Purchase Payment previously surrendered free of charge).

(b) For Contracts issued prior to August 4, 1981, starting with the third Contract year, the Company will waive the Contingent Deferred Sales Charge on surrendered amounts equal on a cumulative basis to 10% of Purchase Payments made under the Contract within 96 months immediately prior to the Valuation Period during which the request for surrender is received by the Company. Once surrenders equal to 10% of cumulative Purchase Payments made within such 96-month period have been made, the Contingent Deferred Sales Charge will apply to all amounts surrendered in excess thereof.

For Contracts issued prior to August 4, 1981, the amount which may be surrendered at any time without charge is the greater of the amounts determined under (a) and (b) above. No sales charges are deducted on redemption proceeds that are transferred to the Fixed Account option of this annuity.

ELIMINATION OF CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE

The Company will waive the Contingent Deferred Sales Charge when:

A. the Annuitant dies; or

B. the Contract is annuitized after the second Contract Year.

For Contracts issued prior to December 25, 1982, the Contingent Deferred Sales Charges will be eliminated on amounts derived from redemption of underlying Mutual Fund shares of Nationwide Investing Foundation's Nationwide Fund, Nationwide Growth Fund, Nationwide Bond Fund or Nationwide Money Market Fund, where such proceeds are applied to the purchase of Contracts described in this prospectus within 60 days after the issuance of such proceeds.

When a Contract described in this prospectus is exchanged for another Contract issued by the Company or any of its affiliate insurance companies, of the type and class which the Company determined is eligible for such exchange, the Company will waive the Contingent Deferred Sales Charge on the first Contract.

In no event will elimination of Contingent Deferred Sales Charges be permitted where such elimination will be unfairly discriminatory to any person, or where it is prohibited by law.

CONTRACT MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CHARGE

Each year on the Contract Anniversary, the Company deducts an annual Contract Maintenance Charge of $30 from the Contract Value to reimburse it for administrative expenses relating to the issuance and maintenance of the Contract. The Contract Maintenance Charge will be allocated between the Fixed Account and Variable Account in the same percentages as the Purchase Payment investment allocations are to the Fixed Account and Variable Account. The Company also assesses an Administration Charge equal on an annual basis to 0.05% of the daily net asset value of the Variable Account, for Contracts issued on or after January 1, 1993. The deduction of the Administration Charge is made from each Sub-Account in the same proportion that the Contract Value in each Sub-Account bears to the total Contract Value in the Variable Account. These charges are designed only to reimburse the Company for administrative expenses, the Company does not expect to recover from these charges any amount in excess of accumulated expenses. In any Contract Year when a Contract is surrendered for its full value on other than the Contract Anniversary, the Contract Maintenance Charge will be deducted at the time of such surrender. The amount of the Contract Maintenance Charge may not be increased by the Company. In no event will reduction or elimination of the Contract Maintenance Charge be permitted where such reduction or elimination will be unfairly discriminatory to any person, or where it is prohibited by state law.

PREMIUM TAXES

The Company will charge against the Contract Value the amount of any premium taxes levied by a state or any other governmental entity upon Purchase Payments received by the Company. Premium taxes currently imposed by certain jurisdictions range from 0% to 3.5%. This range is subject to change. The method used to recoup premium tax expense will be determined by the Company at its sole discretion and in compliance with applicable state law. The Company currently deducts such charges from a Contract Owner's Contract Value either: (1) at the time the Contract is surrendered, (2) at Annuitization, or (3) in those states which require, at the time Purchase Payments are made to the Contract.

EXPENSES OF VARIABLE ACCOUNT

The Variable Account is responsible for the following types of expenses: (1) administrative expenses relating to the issuance and maintenance of the Contract; (2) mortality risk charge associated with guaranteeing the annuity purchase rates at issue for the life of the Contracts; and (3) expense risk charge associated with guaranteeing that the Mortality Risk, Expense Risk, Contract Maintenance and Administration Charges described in this prospectus will not be changed regardless of actual expenses. If these charges are insufficient to cover these expenses, the loss will be borne by the Company.

For 1995, the Variable Account incurred total expenses equal to 1.42% of its average net assets relating to the administrative, sales, mortality and expense risk charges described above for all Contracts outstanding during that year. Deductions from and expenses paid out of the assets of the underlying Mutual Funds are described in each underlying Mutual Fund's prospectus.

INVESTMENTS OF THE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

At the time of purchase, Purchase Payments are allocated among one or more of the Sub-Accounts which consist of shares in the underlying Mutual Funds. Shares of the respective underlying Mutual Fund option(s) are purchased at net asset value for the respective Sub-Account(s) and converted into Accumulation Units. The Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) designates the underlying Mutual Fund(s) to which he or she desires to have Purchase Payments allocated. The election as to allocation of Purchase Payments or as to transfers of the Contract Value from one Sub-Account to another may be changed pursuant to such terms and conditions applicable to such transactions as may be imposed by each of the underlying Mutual Fund options, in addition to those set forth in the Contracts.

RIGHT TO REVOKE

The Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) may revoke the Contract at any time between the date of application and the date 10 days after receipt of the Contract and receive a refund of the Contract Value unless otherwise required by state and/or federal law. In order to revoke the Contract it must be mailed or delivered to the Home Office of the Company at the mailing address shown on page 1 of this prospectus. Mailing or delivery must occur on or before 10 days after receipt of the Contract for revocation to be effective. In order to revoke the Contract, if it has not been received, written notice must be mailed or delivered to the Home Office of the Company at the mailing address shown on page 1 of this prospectus.

The liability of the Variable Account under this provision is limited to the Contract Value in each Sub-Account on the date of revocation. Any additional amounts refunded to the Contract Owner will be paid by the Company.

TRANSFERS

A transfer of up to 100% of the Contract Value from the Variable Account to the Fixed Account may be requested without penalty or adjustment. All amounts transferred to the Fixed Account must remain on deposit in the Fixed Account until the expiration of the Interest Rate Guarantee Period. Transfers from the Fixed Account may not be made prior to the end of the then current Interest Rate Guarantee Period. The Interest Rate Guarantee Period for any amount allocated to the Fixed Account expires on the final day of a calendar quarter during which the one year anniversary of the allocation to the Fixed Account occurs. Transfers must also be made prior to the Annuitization Date. For all transfers involving the Variable Account, the Contract Owner's value in each Sub-Account will be determined as of the date the transfer request is received in the Home Office in good order. The Company reserves the right to restrict transfers from the Variable Account to the Fixed Account to 25% of the Contract Value for any 12 month period.

At the maturity of an Interest Rate Guarantee Period, a portion of the value of the Fixed Account may be transferred to the Variable Account. The amount that may be transferred from the Fixed Account to the Variable Account will be determined by the Company, at its sole discretion, but will not be less than 10% of the total value of the portion of the Fixed Account that is maturing. The amount that may be transferred from the Fixed Account will be declared upon the expiration date of the then current Interest Rate Guarantee Period. The specific percentage will be declared upon the expiration date of the guaranteed period. Transfers from the Fixed Account must be made within 45 days after the expiration date of the guarantee period. If a Dollar Cost Averaging agreement with the Company (see "Dollar Cost Averaging") has been established, transfers from the Fixed Account to the Variable Account will be determined under the terms of that agreement.

Transfers may be made either in writing or, in states allowing such transfers, by telephone. This telephone exchange privilege is made available automatically without the need of any affirmative election. The Company will employ reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine. Such procedures may include any or all of the following, or such other procedures as the Company may, from time to time, deem reasonable: requesting identifying information, such as name, contract number, Social Security Number, and/or personal identification number; tape recording all telephone transactions, and providing written confirmation thereof to the person authorized to make exchanges and any agent of record, at the last address of record. The Company will not be liable for following instructions communicated by telephone which it reasonably believes to be genuine. Losses incurred pursuant to actions taken by the Company in reliance on telephone instructions reasonably believed to be genuine shall not be borne by the Company. The Company may withdraw the telephone exchange privilege upon 30 days' written notice to Contract Owners.

ASSIGNMENT

Where permitted, the Contract Owner may assign some or all of the rights under the Contract at any time during the lifetime of the Annuitant. Such assignment will take effect upon receipt by the Company of a written notice thereof executed by the Contract Owner. The Company assumes no responsibility for the validity or sufficiency of any assignment. The Company shall not be liable as to any payment or other settlement made by the Company before receipt of the assignment. Where necessary for proper administration of the terms of the Contract, an assignment will not be recorded until the Company has received sufficient direction from the Owner and assignee as to the proper allocation of contract rights under the assignment. Qualified Contracts may not be assigned, pledged or otherwise transferred except under such conditions as may be allowed by applicable law.

If this Contract is a Non-Qualified Contract, any portion of Contract Value attributable to Purchase Payments made after August 13, 1982, which is pledged or assigned after August 13, 1982, shall be treated as a Distribution and shall be included in gross income to the extent that the cash value exceeds the investment in the Contract, for the taxable year in which assigned or pledged. In addition, any Contract Value assigned would, under certain conditions, be subject to a tax penalty equal to 10% of the amount which is included in gross income. Individual Retirement Annuities and Individual Retirement Accounts are not eligible for assignment. Thus, any Contract described in this prospectus and issued after January 1, 1993 is non-assignable. Assignments of the entire Contract Value may cause amounts to be included in gross income each year that the assignment is in effect.

LOAN PRIVILEGE

Loans are available only for Contracts issued on or after December 25, 1982 and before January 1, 1993.

Prior to the Annuitization Date, the Owner of a Qualified Contract may receive a loan from their Contract Value, subject to the terms of the Contract, the Plan, and the Code, which imposes restrictions on loans. Individual Retirement

Annuities, Individual Retirement Accounts and SEP-IRA accounts and Non-Qualified Contracts are not eligible for loans.

Loans from Qualified Contracts are available beginning 30 days after the Date of Issue. The Contract Owner may borrow a minimum of $1,000. In non-ERISA plans, for Contract Values up to $20,000, the maximum loan balance which may be outstanding at any time is 80% of the Contract Value, but not more than $10,000. If the Contract Value is $20,000 or more, the maximum loan balance which may be outstanding at any time is 50% of the Contract Value, but not more than $50,000. For ERISA plans, the maximum loan balance which may be outstanding at any time is 50% of the Contract Value, but not more than $50,000. The $50,000 limit will be reduced by the highest loan balances owed during the prior one-year period. Additional loans are subject to the contract minimum amount. The aggregate of all loans may not exceed the Contract Value limitations stated above.

All loans are made from a collateral fixed account. An amount equal to the principal amount of the loan will be transferred to the collateral fixed account. Unless instructed to the contrary by the Contract Owner, the Company will first transfer to the Fixed Account the Variable Account units from the Contract Owner's investment options in proportion to the assets in each option until the required balance is reached or all such variable units are exhausted. The remaining required collateral will next be transferred from the Fixed Account. No withdrawal charges are deducted at the time of the loan, or on the transfer from the Variable Account to the Fixed Account.

Until the loan has been repaid in full, that portion of the collateral fixed account equal to the outstanding loan balance shall be credited with interest at a rate 2.25% less than the loan interest rate fixed by the Company for the term of the loan. However, the interest rate credited to the collateral fixed account will never be less than (3.0%). Specific loan terms are disclosed at the time of loan application or loan issuance.

Loans must be repaid in substantially level payments, not less frequently than quarterly, within five years. Loans used to purchase the principal residence of the Contract Owner must be repaid within 15 years. During the loan term, the outstanding balance of the loan will continue to earn interest at an annual rate as specified in the loan agreement. Loan repayments will consist of principal and interest in amounts set forth in the loan agreement. Loan repayments will be allocated between the Fixed and Variable Accounts in the same proportion as when the loan was made.

If the Contract is surrendered while the loan is outstanding, the surrender value will be reduced by the amount of the loan outstanding plus accrued interest. If the Contract Owner/Annuitant dies while the loan is outstanding, the Death Benefit will be reduced by the amount of the loan outstanding plus accrued interest. If annuity payments start while the loan is outstanding, the Contract Value will be reduced by the amount of the outstanding loan plus accrued interest. Until the loan is repaid, the Company reserves the right to restrict any transfer of the Contract which would otherwise qualify as a transfer as permitted in Section 1035 of the Code.

If a loan payment is not made when due, interest will continue to accrue. A grace period may be available under the terms of the loan agreement. If a loan payment is not made when due, or by the end of the applicable grace period, then that payment, which may be a single periodic payment or payment of the entire loan, will be treated as a deemed Distribution, as permitted by law, may be taxable to the borrower, and may be subject to an early withdrawal tax penalty. Interest which subsequently accrues on defaulted amounts may also be treated as additional deemed Distributions each year. Any defaulted amounts, plus accrued interest, will be deducted from the Contract when the Participant becomes eligible for a distribution of at least that amount, and this amount may again be treated as a Distribution where required by law. Additional loans may not be available while a previous loan remains in default.

Loans may also be subject to additional limitations or restrictions under the terms of the employer's plan. Loans permitted under this Contract may still be taxable in whole or part if the Participant has additional loans from other plans or contracts. The Company will calculate the maximum non-taxable loan based on the information provided by the Participant or the employer.

Loan repayments must be identified as such or else they will be treated as Purchase Payments, and will not be used to reduce the outstanding loan principal or interest due. The Company reserves the right to modify the term or procedures of the loan in the event of a change in the laws or regulations relating to the treatment of loans. The Company also reserves the right to assess a loan processing fee.

BENEFICIARY PROVISIONS

Subject to the terms of any existing assignment, the Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) may change the Beneficiary from time to time during the lifetime of the Annuitant, by written notice to the Company. The change will, upon receipt by the Company at its Home Office, take effect as of the time the written notice was signed, whether or not the Annuitant is living at the time of recording, but without further liability as to any payment or settlement made by the Company before receipt of such change.

Unless otherwise provided in the Contract or in an effective change of Beneficiary designation, all rights and interests of any Beneficiary predeceasing the Annuitant shall vest in the Contingent Beneficiary if designated. If a Contingent Beneficiary is not designated or predeceases the Beneficiary, all rights and interests of the Beneficiary will vest in the Contract Owner or the Contract Owner's estate.

The Beneficiary will be the designated person or persons who survive the Annuitant, and if more than one survive, they will share equally unless otherwise specified in the Beneficiary designation. In the event that the Beneficiary dies before the Annuitant, the Contingent Beneficiary will become the Beneficiary.

OWNERSHIP PROVISIONS

Unless otherwise provided, the Contract Owner has all rights under the Contract. Ownership rights may be exercised by the Annuitant if the Contract Owner has authorized the Annuitant to exercise such rights. IF THE PURCHASER NAMES SOMEONE OTHER THAN HIMSELF OR HERSELF AS OWNER, THE PURCHASER WILL HAVE NO RIGHTS UNDER THE CONTRACT. If the Annuitant does not survive the Contract Owner or if the Annuitant and the Owner are the same person, Contract ownership will be determined in accordance with the "Death Of Annuitant Prior To The Annuitization Date" provision. After the Annuitization Date ownership will be determined based on the Annuity Payment Option selected. Ownership rights under this Contract may be restricted under the provisions of the retirement or deferred compensation plan under which this Contract may be issued.

For Contracts issued prior to December 25, 1982, the Contract Owner may name a new Contract Owner at any time, but such change may be subject to state and federal gift taxes and may be treated as an assignment for federal income tax purposes. Such an assignment would result in a deemed Distribution of the value of the Contract. Any new choice of Contract Owner will automatically revoke any prior choice of Contract Owner. Any request for change must be: (1) made in writing; and (2) received by the Company at its Home Office. A request for change of Contract Owner must be a "proper written application" and may include a signature guarantee as specified in the "Surrender" section. The change will become effective as of the date the written request is signed. A new choice of Contract Owner will not apply to any payment made or action taken by the Company prior to the time it was received.

SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITIES

If the shares of the underlying Mutual Fund options described in this prospectus should no longer be available for investment by the Variable Account or if, in the judgment of the Company's management, further investment in such underlying Mutual Fund shares should become inappropriate, the Company may substitute shares of another underlying Mutual Fund for shares already purchased or to be purchased in the future by Purchase Payments under the Contract. No substitution of securities in the Variable Account may take place without prior approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and under such requirements as it may impose.

INQUIRIES

Inquiries may be directed to Nationwide Life Insurance Company by writing P.O. Box 16609, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6609, or calling 1-800-848-6331, TDD 1-800-238-3035.

ANNUITY PAYMENT PERIOD-VARIABLE ACCOUNT

At the Annuitization Date the Variable Account Contract Value is applied to the Annuity Payment Option elected and the amount of the first such payment shall be determined in accordance with the Annuity Table in the Contract.

Subsequent Variable Annuity payments vary in amount in accordance with the investment performance of the Variable Account. The dollar amount of the first annuity payment determined as above is divided by the value of an Annuity Unit as of the Annuitization Date to establish the number of Annuity Units representing each monthly annuity payment. This number of Annuity Units remains fixed during the annuity payment period. The dollar amount of the second and subsequent payments is not predetermined and may change from month to month. The dollar amount of each subsequent payment is determined by multiplying the fixed number of Annuity Units by the Annuity Unit Value for the Valuation Period in which the payment is due. The Company guarantees that the dollar amount of each payment after the first will not be affected by variations in mortality experience from mortality assumptions used to determine the first payment.

VALUE OF AN ANNUITY UNIT

The value of an Annuity Unit was arbitrarily set initially at $10 when the first underlying Mutual Fund shares were purchased. The value of an Annuity Unit for a Sub-Account for any subsequent Valuation Period is determined by multiplying the Annuity Unit Value for the immediately preceding Valuation Period by the Net Investment Factor for the Valuation Period for which the Annuity Unit Value is being calculated, and multiplying the result by an interest factor to

neutralize the assumed investment rate of 3.5% per annum built into the Annuity Tables contained in the Contracts (see "Net Investment Factor").

ASSUMED INVESTMENT RATE

A 3.5% Assumed Investment Rate is built into the Annuity Tables contained in the Contracts. A higher assumption would mean a higher initial payment but more slowly rising or more rapidly falling subsequent payments. A lower assumption would have the opposite effect. If the actual investment rate is at the annual rate of 3.5%, the annuity payments will be level.

FREQUENCY AND AMOUNT OF ANNUITY PAYMENTS

Annuity payments will be paid as monthly installments. However, if the net amount available to apply under any Annuity Payment Option is less than $500, the Company shall have the right to pay such amount in one lump sum in lieu of the payments otherwise provided for. In addition, if the payments provided for would be or become less than $20, the Company shall have the right to change the frequency of payments to such intervals as will result in payments of at least $20. In no event will the Company make payments under an annuity option less frequently than annually.

ANNUITY COMMENCEMENT DATE

The Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) selects an Annuity Commencement Date at the time of application. Such date must be the first day of a calendar month and must be at least 2 years after the Date of Issue. In the event the Contract is issued subject to the terms of a Qualified Plan, Annuitization may occur during the first 2 years subject to approval by the Company.

CHANGE IN ANNUITY COMMENCEMENT DATE

The Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) may, upon prior written notice to the Company, change the Annuity Commencement Date. The date to which such a change may be made shall be the first day of a calendar month.

If requested in writing, and the Company approves the request, the Annuity Commencement Date may be deferred. The amount of the Death Benefit will be limited to the Contract Value if the Annuity Commencement Date is postponed beyond the first day of the calendar month after the Annuitant's 75th birthday.

CHANGE IN FORM OF ANNUITY

The Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) may, upon prior written notice to the Company, at any time prior to the Annuitization Date, elect one of the Annuity Payment Options.

ANNUITY PAYMENT OPTION

Any of the following Annuity Payment Option may be elected:

Option 1-Life Annuity-An annuity payable monthly during the lifetime of the Annuitant, ceasing with the last payment due prior to the death of the Annuitant. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE UNDER THIS OPTION FOR THE ANNUITANT TO RECEIVE ONLY ONE ANNUITY PAYMENT IF HE OR SHE DIED BEFORE THE SECOND ANNUITY PAYMENT DATE, TWO ANNUITY PAYMENTS IF HE OR SHE DIED BEFORE THE THIRD ANNUITY PAYMENT DATE, AND SO ON.

Option 2-Joint and Last Survivor Annuity-An annuity payable monthly during the joint lifetimes of the Annuitant and designated second person and continuing thereafter during the lifetime of the survivor. AS IS THE CASE UNDER OPTION 1 ABOVE, THERE IS NO MINIMUM NUMBER OF PAYMENTS GUARANTEED UNDER THIS OPTION. PAYMENTS CEASE UPON THE DEATH OF THE LAST SURVIVING ANNUITANT REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF PAYMENTS RECEIVED.

Option 3-Life Annuity With 120 or 240 Monthly Payments Guaranteed-An annuity payable monthly during the lifetime of the Annuitant with the guarantee that if at the death of the Annuitant payments have been made for fewer than 120 or 240 months, as selected, payments will be made as follows:

(1) If an Annuitant is payee, any guaranteed annuity payments will be continued during the remainder of the selected period to the Beneficiary or the Beneficiary may, at any time, elect to have the present value of the guaranteed number of annuity payments remaining paid in a lump sum as specified in section (2) below.

(2) If a Beneficiary is payee, the present value, computed as of the date on which notice of death is received by the Company at its Home Office, of the guaranteed number of annuity payments remaining after receipt of such notice and to which the deceased would have been entitled had he or she not died,

computed at the Assumed Investment Rate effective in determining the Annuity Tables, shall be paid in a lump sum.

Some of the stated Annuity Options may not be available in all states. The Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) may request an alternative non-guaranteed option by giving notice in writing prior to Annuitization. If such a request is approved by the Company, it will be permitted under the Contract.

If the Owner, (or Annuitant, if so authorized) of a Non-Qualified Contract fails to elect an Annuity Payment Option Form, the Contract Value will continue to accumulate. Qualified Plan Contracts or Individual Retirement Annuities are subject to the minimum Distribution requirements set forth in the Plan, Contract, or the Code.

DEATH OF DESIGNATED ANNUITANT PRIOR TO THE ANNUITIZATION DATE (FOR CONTRACTS

ISSUED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 25, 1982)

The Death Benefit is payable to the Beneficiary unless, the Owner has named a Contingent Designated Annuitant. In such case, the Death Benefit is payable to the Beneficiary upon the death of the last survivor of the Annuitant and Contingent Designated Annuitant. The value of the Death Benefit will be determined as of the Valuation Date coincident with or next following the date the Company receives (1) due proof of death and (2) an election for either a single sum payment or an Annuity Payment Option.

If a single sum settlement is requested, payment will be made in accordance with any applicable laws and regulations governing the payment of Death Benefits. If an Annuity Payment Option is desired, election may be made by the Beneficiary during the 90-day period commencing with the date written notice is received by the Company. If no election has been made by the end of such 90-day period, the Death Benefit will be paid to the Beneficiary in a single sum. The amount of the Death Benefit will be the greater of (i) the sum of all Purchase Payments, less any amounts surrendered, or (ii) the Contract Value.

If the Contract Owner has (1) requested an Annuity Commencement Date later than the first day of the calendar month after the Annuitant's 75th birthday; (2) the Company has approved the request; and (3) the Annuitant dies after his or her 75th birthday; the dollar amount of the Death Benefit will be equal to the Contract Value.

DEATH BENEFIT AFTER THE ANNUITIZATION DATE

If the Annuitant dies after the Annuitization Date, any benefit that may be payable shall be as specified in the Annuity Payment Option elected.

REQUIRED DISTRIBUTIONS FOR QUALIFIED PLANS

The entire interest of an Annuitant under a Qualified Contract will be distributed in a manner consistent with the Minimum Distribution and Incidental Benefit (MDIB) provisions of Section 401(a)(9) of the Code and regulations thereunder, as applicable, and will be paid, notwithstanding anything else contained herein, to the Owner/Annuitant under the Annuity Payments Options selected, over a period not exceeding:

A. the life of the Owner/Annuitant or the lives of the Owner/Annuitant and the Owner/Annuitant's designated Beneficiary; or

B. a period not extending beyond the life expectancy of the Owner/Annuitant or the life expectancy of the Owner/Annuitant and the Owner/Annuitant's designated Beneficiary.

If the Owner/Annuitant's entire interest is to be distributed in equal or substantially equal payments over a period described in A or B, such payments will commence not later than the first day of April following the calendar year in which the Owner/Annuitant attains age 70-1/2 (the Required Beginning Date). In the case of a governmental plan (as defined in Code Section 414(d)) or church plan (as defined in Code Section 401(a)(9)(C)), the Required Beginning Date will be the later of the dates determined under the preceding sentence or April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Annuitant retires.

If the Owner/Annuitant dies prior to the commencement of his or her Distribution, the interest in the Qualified Contract must be distributed by December 31 of the calendar year during which the fifth anniversary of his or her death occurs unless:

In the case of a Qualified Contract, the Owner/Annuitant names a Beneficiary other than his or her surviving spouse and such Beneficiary elects to receive a Distribution of the account in nearly equal payments over his or her life (or a period not exceeding his or her life expectancy) commencing not later than December 31 of the year following the year in which the Owner/Annuitant dies.

If the Owner/Annuitant dies after Distribution has commenced, Distribution must continue at least as rapidly as under the schedule being used prior to his or her death.

Payments commencing on the Required Beginning Date will not be less than the lesser of the quotient obtained by dividing the entire interest of the Owner/Annuitant by the life expectancy of the Owner/Annuitant, or the joint and last survivor expectancy of the Owner/Annuitant and the Owner/Annuitant's designated Beneficiary (whichever is applicable under the applicable Minimum Distribution or MDIB provisions). Life expectancy and joint and last survivor expectancy are computed by the use of return multiples contained in Section 1.72-9 of the Treasury Regulations.

REQUIRED DISTRIBUTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ANNUITIES AND INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Distributions from an Individual Retirement Annuity or Individual Retirement Account must begin not later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Annuitant or Account Holder attains age 70-1/2. Distribution may be accepted in a lump sum or in nearly equal payments over: (a) the Owner/Annuitant's life or the lives of the Owner/Annuitant and his or her spouse or Designated Beneficiary, or (b) a period not extending beyond your life expectancy or the life expectancy of the Owner/Annuitant and his or her spouse or designated Beneficiary.

If the Owner/Annuitant dies prior to the commencement of Distributions, the interest in the Qualified Contract must be distributed by December 31 of the calendar year during which the fifth anniversary of your death occurs unless:

(a) The Owner/Annuitant has named his or her surviving spouse as the Beneficiary and such spouse elects to:

(i) treat the annuity as an Individual Retirement Annuity established for his or her benefit; or

(ii) receive Distribution of the account in nearly equal payments over his or her life (or a period not exceeding his or her life expectancy) and commencing not later than December 31 of the year in which you would have attained age 70-1/2; or

(b) The Owner/Annuitant has named a Beneficiary other than his or her surviving spouse and such Beneficiary elects to receive a Distribution of the account in nearly equal payments over his or her life (or a period not exceeding his or her life expectancy) commencing not later than December 31 of the year following the year in which the Owner/Annuitant dies.

If the Owner/Annuitant dies after Distribution has commenced, Distribution must continue at least as rapidly as under the schedule being used prior to your death, except to the extent that a surviving spouse Beneficiary may elect to treat the Contract as his or her own, in the same manner as is described in section (a)(i) above.

If the amounts Distributed to you do not satisfy the Distribution rules mentioned above, a penalty tax of 50% is levied on the amount that should have been distributed for that year.

A pro-rata portion of all Distributions will be included in the gross income of the person receiving the Distribution and taxed at ordinary income tax rates. The portion of the Distribution which is taxable is based on the ratio between the amount by which non-deductible contributions exceed prior non-taxable Distributions and total account balances at the time of the Distribution. The Owner/Annuitant must annually report to the Internal Revenue Service the amount of non-deductible contributions, the amount of any Distribution, the amount by which non-deductible contributions for all years exceed non-taxable Distributions for all years, and the total balance of all Individual Retirement Annuities and Individual Retirement Accounts.

Individual Retirement Annuity and Individual Retirement Account Distributions will not receive the benefit of the tax treatment of a lump sum Distribution from a Qualified Plan. If the Owner/Annuitant dies prior to the time Distribution of his or her interest in the annuity is completed, the balance will also be included in his or her gross estate.

GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFERS

The Company may be required to determine whether the Death Benefit or any other payment constitutes a direct skip as defined in Section 2612 of the Code, and the amount of the tax on the generation-skipping transfer resulting from such direct skip. If applicable, such payment will be reduced by any tax the Company is required to pay by Section 2603 of the Code.

A direct skip may occur when property is transferred to or a Death Benefit is paid to an individual two or more generations younger than the Contract Owner.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONTRACT OWNER SERVICES

ASSET REBALANCING-The Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) may direct the automatic reallocation of contract values to the underlying Mutual Fund options on a predetermined percentage basis every three months. If the last day of the three month period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, recognized holiday, or any other day when the New York Stock Exchange is closed, the Asset Rebalancing exchange will occur on the last business day before that day. Asset Rebalancing will not affect future allocations of Purchase Payments. An Asset Rebalancing request must be in writing on a form provided by the Company.

Contracts issued to a Qualified Plan as defined by the Code may have superseding plan restrictions with regard to the frequency of Fund exchanges and underlying Mutual Fund options. The Contract Owner may want to contact a financial adviser in order to discuss the use of Asset Rebalancing in his or her contract.

The Company reserves the right to discontinue offering Asset Rebalancing upon 30 days' written notice; such discontinuation will not affect Asset Rebalancing programs which have already commenced. The Company also reserves the right to assess a processing fee for this service.

DOLLAR COST AVERAGING-The Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) may direct the Company to automatically transfer from the Money Market Sub-Account or the Fixed Account to any other Sub-Account within the Variable Account on a monthly basis. This service is intended to allow the Contract Owner to utilize Dollar Cost Averaging, a long-term investment program which provides for regular, level investments over time. The Company makes no guarantees that Dollar Cost Averaging will result in a profit or protect against loss in a declining market. To qualify for Dollar Cost Averaging there must be a minimum total Contract Value of $15,000. Transfers for purposes of Dollar Cost Averaging can only be made from the Money Market Sub-Account or the Fixed Account. The minimum monthly Dollar Cost Averaging transfer is $100. In addition, Dollar Cost Averaging monthly transfers from the Fixed Account must be equal to or less than 1/30th of the Fixed Account value when the Dollar Cost Averaging program is requested. Transfers out of the Fixed Account, other than for Dollar Cost Averaging, may be subject to certain additional restrictions (see "Transfers"). A written election of this service, on a form provided by the Company, must be completed by the Contract Owner (or Annuitant) in order to begin transfers. Once elected, transfers from the Money Market Sub-Account or the Fixed Account will be processed monthly until either the value in the Money Market Sub-Account or the Fixed Account is completely depleted or the Contract Owner instructs the Company in writing to cancel the monthly transfers.

The Company reserves the right to discontinue offering Dollar Cost Averaging upon 30 days' written notice; such discontinuation will not affect Dollar Cost Averaging programs already commenced. The Company also reserves the right to assess a processing fee for this service.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWALS-A Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) may elect in writing on a form provided by the Company to take Systematic Withdrawals by surrendering a specified dollar amount (of at least $100) on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis. The Company will process the withdrawals as directed by surrendering on a pro-rata basis Accumulation Units from all Sub-Accounts and the Fixed Account. A Contingent Deferred Sales Charge may also apply to Systematic Withdrawals in accordance with the considerations set forth in the "Contingent Deferred Sales Charge" section. Each Systematic Withdrawal is subject to federal income taxes on the taxable portion. In addition, a 10% federal penalty tax may be assessed on Systematic Withdrawals if the recipient is under age 59-1/2. If directed by the Contract Owner, the Company will withhold federal income taxes from each Systematic Withdrawal. The Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) may discontinue Systematic Withdrawals at any time by notifying the Company in writing.

The Company reserves the right to discontinue offering Systematic Withdrawals upon 30 days' written notice; such discontinuation will not affect any Systematic Withdrawal programs already commenced. The Company also reserves the right to assess a processing fee for this service.

STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

The Company will mail to the Contract Owner (or Annuitant if so authorized to receive statements), at the last known address of record, any statements and reports required by applicable law or regulation. The Company should, therefore, be given prompt notice of any address change. The Company will send a confirmation statement each time a transaction is made affecting the Variable Account Contract Value, such as making additional Purchase Payments, transfers, exchanges or withdrawals. Quarterly statements are also mailed detailing the Contract activity during the calendar quarter. Instead of receiving an immediate confirmation of transactions made pursuant to some types of periodic payment plan (such as a dollar cost averaging program) or salary reduction arrangement, the Contract Owner (or Annuitant) may receive confirmation of such transactions in their quarterly statements. The Contract Owner should

review the information in these statements carefully. All errors or corrections must be reported to the Company immediately to assure proper crediting to the Contract. The Company will assume all transactions are accurately reported on quarterly statements or confirmation statements unless the Company is otherwise notified within 30 days after receipt of the statement. The Company will also send each year an annual report and a semi-annual report containing financial statements for the Variable Account, as of December 31 and June 30, respectively.

ALLOCATION OF PURCHASE PAYMENTS AND CONTRACT VALUE

Purchase Payments are allocated to one or more Sub-Accounts within the Variable Account in accordance with the designation of the underlying Mutual Fund options by the Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized), and converted into Accumulation Units.

The cumulative total of all Purchase Payments under Contracts issued on the life of any one Annuitant may not exceed $1,000,000 without prior consent of the Company.

THE PURCHASER IS CAUTIONED THAT INVESTMENT RETURN ON SMALL INITIAL AND SUBSEQUENT PURCHASE PAYMENTS MAY BE LESS THAN CHARGES ASSESSED BY THE COMPANY.

The initial Purchase Payment allocated to designated Sub-Accounts of the variable Account will be priced not later than 2 business days after receipt of an order to purchase, if the application and all information necessary for processing the purchase order are complete upon receipt by the Company, and the Company may retain the Purchase Payment for up to 5 business days while attempting to complete an incomplete application. If the application cannot be made complete within 5 days, the prospective purchaser will be informed of the reasons for the delay and the Purchase Payment will be returned immediately unless the prospective purchaser specifically consents to the Company retaining the Purchase Payment until the application is made complete. Thereafter, subsequent Purchase Payments will be priced on the basis of the Accumulation Unit Value next computed for the appropriate Sub-Account after the additional Purchase Payment is received.

Purchase Payments will not be priced on the following nationally recognized holidays: New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

VALUE OF A VARIABLE ACCOUNT ACCUMULATION UNIT

The value of a Variable Account Accumulation Unit for each Sub-Account was arbitrarily set initially at $10 when the underlying Mutual Fund shares in that Sub-Account were available for purchase. The value for any subsequent Valuation Period is determined by multiplying the Accumulation Unit value for each Sub-Account for the immediately preceding Valuation Period by the Net Investment Factor for the Sub-Account during the subsequent Valuation Period. The value of an Accumulation Unit may increase or decrease from Valuation Period to Valuation Period. The number of Accumulation Units will not change as a result of investment experience.

NET INVESTMENT FACTOR

The Net Investment Factor for any Valuation Period is determined by dividing (a) by (b) and subtracting (c) from the result where:

(a) is the net of:

(1) the net asset value per share of the underlying Mutual Fund held in the Sub-Account determined at the end of the current Valuation Period, plus

(2) the per share amount of any dividend or capital gain Distributions made by the underlying Mutual Fund held in the Sub-Account if the "ex-dividend" date occurs during the current Valuation Period,

(b) is the net of:

(1) the net asset value per share of the underlying Mutual Fund held in the Sub-Account determined at the end of the immediately preceding Valuation Period, plus or minus

(2) the per share charge or credit, if any, for any taxes reserved for in the immediately preceding Valuation Period (see "Charge For Tax Provisions").

(c) is a factor representing the daily Mortality Risk Charge, Expense Risk Charge and Administration Charge deducted from the Variable Account. Such factor is equal to an annual rate of 1.30% of the daily net asset value of the Variable Account.

For underlying Mutual Funds that credit dividends on a daily basis and pay such dividends once a month (such as money market funds and certain bond funds), the Net Investment Factor allows for the monthly reinvestment of these daily dividends.

The Net Investment Factor may be greater or less than one; therefore, the value of an Accumulation Unit may increase or decrease. It should be noted that changes in the Net Investment Factor may not be directly proportional to changes in the net asset value of underlying Mutual Fund shares, because of the deduction for Mortality Risk Charge, Expense Risk Charge and Administration Charge, and any charge or credit for tax reserves.

VALUATION OF ASSETS

Underlying Mutual Fund shares in the Variable Account will be valued at their net asset value.

DETERMINING THE CONTRACT VALUE

The sum of the value of all Variable Account Accumulation Units attributable to the Contract and amounts credited to the Fixed Account is the Contract Value. The number of Accumulation Units credited per each Sub-Account is determined by dividing the net amount allocated to the Sub-Account by the Accumulation Unit Value for the Sub-Account for the Valuation Period during which the Purchase Payment is received by the Company. If part or all of the Contract Value is surrendered or charges or deductions are made against the Contract Value, an appropriate number of Accumulation Units from the Variable Account and an appropriate amount from the Fixed Account will be deducted in the same proportion that the Contract Owner's (or Annuitant's) interest in the Variable Account and the Fixed Account bears to the total Contract Value.

SURRENDER (REDEMPTION)

While the Contract is in force and prior to the earlier of the Annuitization Date or the death of the Annuitant, the Company will, upon proper written application by the Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized) deemed by the Company to be in good order, allow the surrender of a portion or all of the Contract Value. "Proper written application" means that the surrender must be requested in writing by the Contract Owner (or Annuitant, if so authorized), satisfy all good order requirements, and the Company may require that signature(s) be guaranteed by a member firm of the New York, American, Boston, Midwest, Philadelphia, or Pacific Stock Exchange, or by a commercial bank or a savings and loan, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In some cases (for example, requests by a corporation, partnership, agent or fiduciary) the Company will require additional documentation of a customary nature.

The Company will, upon receipt of any such written request, surrender a number of Accumulation Units from the Variable Account and an amount from the Fixed Account necessary to equal the gross dollar amount requested, less any applicable Contingent Deferred Sales Charge (see "Contingent Deferred Sales Charge"). In the event of a partial surrender, the Company will, unless instructed to the contrary, surrender Accumulation Units from all Sub-Accounts in which an interest is maintained, and the Fixed Account. The number of Accumulation Units surrendered from each Sub-Account and the amount surrendered from the Fixed Account will be in the same proportion that the Contract Owner's (or Annuitant's) interest in the Sub-Accounts and Fixed Account bears to the total Contract Value.

The Company will pay any Funds applied for from the Variable Account within 7 days of receipt of such application in the Company's Home Office. However, the Company reserves the right to suspend or postpone the date of any payment of any benefit or values for any Valuation Period (1) when the New York Stock Exchange ("Exchange") or the Company's Home Office is closed, (2) when trading on the Exchange is restricted, (3) when an emergency exists as a result of which disposal of securities held in the Variable Account is not reasonably practicable or it is not reasonably practicable to determine the value of the Variable Account's net assets, or (4) during any other period when the Securities and Exchange Commission, by order, so permits for the protection of security holders, provided that applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission shall govern as to whether the conditions prescribed in (2) and (3) exist. The Contract Value upon surrender may be more or less than the total of Purchase Payments made, depending on the market value of the underlying Mutual Fund shares.

SURRENDERS UNDER A QUALIFIED PLAN

The Contract surrender provisions may also be modified pursuant to the plan terms and Code tax provisions when the Contract is issued to fund a Qualified Plan.

TAXES

INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN SHOULD NOT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE ADVICE OF A PERSONAL TAX ADVISER.

The Company does not make any guarantee regarding the tax status of any Contract or any transaction involving the Contracts.

Section 72 of the Code governs taxation of annuities in general. That section sets forth different rules for: (1) Qualified Contracts; (2) Individual Retirement Annuities and Individual Retirement Accounts; or (3) Non-Qualified Contracts. Each type of annuity is discussed below.

Distributions to Participants from Qualified Contracts are generally taxed when received. A portion of each Distribution is excludable from income based on the ratio between the after tax investment of the Owner/Annuitant in the Contract and the value of the Contract at the time of the withdrawal or Annuitization.

Distributions from Individual Retirement Annuities and Contracts owned by Individual Retirement Accounts are also generally taxed when received. The portion of each such payment which is excludable is based on the ratio between the amount by which nondeductible Purchase Payments to all such Contracts exceeds prior non-taxable Distributions from such Contracts, and the total account balances in such Contracts, at the time of the Distribution. The Owner of such Individual Retirement Annuities or the Annuitant under Contracts held by Individual Retirement Accounts must annually report to the Internal Revenue Service the amount of nondeductible Purchase Payments, the amount of any Distribution, the amount by which nondeductible Purchase Payments for all years exceed non-taxable Distributions for all years, and the total balance in all Individual Retirement Annuities and Accounts.

NON-QUALIFIED CONTRACTS

THIS SECTION PROVIDES A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TAX REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-QUALIFIED CONTRACTS. MOST OF THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL ONLY APPLY TO CONTRACTS WHICH WERE ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1983, AND WHICH HAVE INVESTED IN THE FIXED ACCOUNT.

The rules applicable to Non-Qualified Contracts provide that a portion of each annuity payment received is excludable from taxable income based on the ratio between the Contract Owner's investment in the Contract and the expected return on the Contract. The maximum amount excludable from income is the investment in the Contract. If the Annuitant dies prior to excluding from income the entire investment in the Contract, the Annuitant's final tax return may reflect a deduction for the balance of the investment in the Contract.

Distributions made from the Contract prior to Annuitization are taxable to the Contract Owner to the extent that the cash value of the Contract exceeds the Contract Owner's investment at the time of the Distribution. Distributions, for this purpose, include partial surrenders, dividends, or any portion of the Contract which is assigned or pledged; and for Contracts issued after April 22, 1987, any portion of the Contract transferred by gift. For these purposes, a transfer by gift may occur upon Annuitization if the Contract Owner and the Annuitant are not the same individual. In determining the taxable amount of a Distribution, all annuity Contracts issued after October 21, 1988, by the same company to the same Contract Owner during any 12 month period, will be treated as one annuity contract. Additional limitations on the use of multiple Contracts may be imposed by Treasury regulations. Distributions prior to Annuitization with respect to that portion of the Contract invested prior to August 14, 1982, are treated first as a recovery of the investment in the Contract as of that date. A Distribution in excess of the amount of the investment in the Contract as of August 14, 1982, will be treated as taxable income.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 changed the tax treatment of certain Non-Qualified Contracts held by entities other than individuals. Such entities are taxed currently on the earnings on the Contract which are attributable to contributions made to the Contract after February 28, 1986. There are exceptions for Qualified Contracts, Individual Retirement Annuities, immediate annuities, and certain Contracts owned for the benefit of an individual. An immediate annuity, for purposes of this discussion, is a single Purchase Payment Contract on which payments begin within one year of purchase.

Code Section 72 also provides for a penalty, equal to 10% of any Distribution which is includable in gross income, if such Distribution is made prior to attaining age 59-1/2, the death or disability of the Contract Owner. The penalty does not apply if the Distribution is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments made over the life or life expectancy (or joint lives or life expectancies) of the Annuitant (and the Annuitant's Beneficiary), or is made from an immediate annuity, or is allocable to an investment in the Contract before August 14, 1982. A Contract Owner wishing to begin taking Distributions to which the 10% tax penalty does not apply should forward a written request to the Company. Upon receipt of a written request from the Contract Owner, the Company will inform the Contract Owner of the procedures pursuant to Company Policy and subject to limitations of the Contract including but not limited to first year withdrawals. If the Annuitant selects an annuity for life or life expectancy and changes the method of payment before the expiration of 5 years and the attainment of age 59-1/2, the early withdrawal penalty will apply. The penalty will

be equal to that which would have been imposed had no exception applied from the outset, and the Annuitant will also pay interest on the amount of the penalty from the date it would have originally applied until it is actually paid.

In order to qualify as an Annuity Contract under Section 72 of the Code, the Contract must provide for Distribution to be made upon the death of the Contract Owner. In such case the Annuitant, Beneficiary or other named recipient must receive the Distribution within 5 years of the Owner's death. However, the recipient may elect for payments to be made over his or her life or life expectancy if such payments begin within one year following the death of the Contract Owner. If the Contract Owner's Beneficiary is the surviving spouse, such spouse may be treated as the Contract Owner and the Contract may be continued throughout the life of the surviving spouse subject to certain minimum distribution requirements for Individual Retirement Annuities and Individual Retirement Accounts. In the event the Contract Owner dies on or after the Annuitization Date and before the entire interest has been distributed, the remaining portion must be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of Distribution being used as of the date of the Contract Owner's death. If the Contract Owner is not an individual, the death of the Annuitant (or a change of the Annuitant) will result in a Distribution under their rules, regardless of whether a Contingent Designated Annuitant has been named (see "Required Distribution for Qualified Plans").

The Company is required to withhold tax from certain Distributions to the extent that such Distribution would constitute income to the Contract Owner. The Contract Owner is entitled to elect not to have federal income tax withheld from any such Distribution, but may be subject to penalties in the event insufficient federal income tax is withheld during a calendar year.

Generally, the taxable portion of any Distribution from a Contract to a nonresident alien of the United States is subject to tax withholding at a rate equal to thirty percent (30%) of such amount or, if applicable, a lower treaty rate. A payment may not be subject to withholding where the recipient sufficiently establishes that such payment is effectively connected to the recipient's conduct of a trade or business in the United States and such payment is includable in the recipient's gross income.

Payment of a benefit or transfer of any property to an individual two or more generations younger than the contract owner may constitute a generation-skipping transfer, subject to taxation under Section 2601 et. seq. of the Code.

CHARGE FOR TAX PROVISIONS

The Company is no longer required to maintain a capital gain reserve liability on Non-Qualified Contracts since capital gains attributable to assets held in the Company's Variable Account for such Contracts are not taxable to the Company. However, the Company reserves the right to implement and adjust the tax charge in the future, if the tax laws change.

QUALIFIED PLANS, INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ANNUITIES, AND INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

The Contracts may be used with Qualified Plans (Contracts issued after December 25, 1982 and before January 1, 1993), Individual Retirement Annuities (Contracts issued before December 25, 1982), Individual Retirement Accounts (Contracts issued after January 1, 1993, and other plans receiving favorable tax treatment. For information regarding eligibility, limitations on permissible amounts of Purchase Payments, and tax consequences on Distribution from such plans, the purchasers of such Contracts should seek competent advice. The terms of such plans may limit the rights available under the Contracts.

The Code permits the rollover of most Distributions from Qualified Plans to other Qualified Plans, Individual Retirement Accounts, or Individual Retirement Annuities. Distributions which may not be rolled over are those which are:

1. one of a series of substantially equal annual (or more frequent) payments made: a) over the life (or life expectancy) of the employee, b) the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the employee and

the employee's designated Beneficiary, or c) for a specified period of ten years or more, and

2. a required minimum Distribution

Any Distribution eligible for rollover will be subject to federal tax withholding at a 20 percent rate unless the distribution is transferred directly to an appropriate plan as described above.

Individual Retirement Accounts and Individual Retirement Annuities may not provide life insurance benefits. If the Death Benefit exceeds the greater of the cash value of the Contract or the sum of all Purchase Payments (less any surrenders), it is possible the Internal Revenue Service could determine that the Individual Retirement Account or Individual Retirement Annuity did not qualify for the desired tax treatment.

The Contract is available for Qualified Plans electing to comply with section 404(c) of ERISA. It is the responsibility of the plan and its fiduciaries to determine and satisfy section 404(c) requirements.

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

The Internal Revenue Service determined that, effective September 25, 1981, Individual Retirement Annuities could not be established using variable annuity Contracts that allocated assets to separate accounts of life insurance companies, if the separate account purchased shares of publicly available Mutual Funds. The owner of such a contract is treated as the owner of the underlying Mutual Fund shares purchased and is taxed on any dividends accruing or recognized gains.

It is possible to establish an Individual Retirement Account funded with such a variable annuity contract, by depositing the Funds in a trust or custodial account which qualifies under Section 408 of the Code, and having the trustee or custodian purchase the Contract. Such an Individual Retirement Account is subject to rules which are comparable to those which apply to Individual Retirement Annuities. The trustee or custodian is treated as the owner of the underlying Mutual Fund shares, and the individual establishing the account is taxed in the manner described in "Required Distributions For Individual Retirement Annuities And Individual Retirement Accounts."

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

There are no material legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business to which the Company and the Variable Account are parties or to which any of their property is the subject.

The General Distributor, Nationwide Financial Services, Inc., is not engaged in any litigation of any material nature.

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Purchase Payments under the Fixed Account portion of the Contract and transfers to the Fixed Account portion become part of the general account of the Company, which support insurance and annuity obligations. Because of exemptive and exclusionary provisions, interests in the general account have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 ("1933 Act"), nor is the general account registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act"). Accordingly, neither the general account nor any interest therein are generally subject to the provisions of the 1933 or 1940 Acts, and we have been advised that the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission has not reviewed the disclosures in this prospectus which related to the guaranteed interest portion. Disclosures regarding the Fixed Account portion of the Contract and the general account, however, may be subject to certain generally applicable provisions of the federal securities laws relating to the accuracy and completeness of statements made in prospectuses.

FIXED ACCOUNT ALLOCATIONS

THE FIXED ACCOUNT

The Fixed Account is made up of all the general assets of the Company, other than those in the Nationwide Variable Account II and any other segregated asset account. Fixed Account Purchase Payments will be allocated to the Fixed Account by election of the Contract Owner at the time of purchase.

The Company will invest the assets of the Fixed Account in those assets chosen by the Company and allowed by applicable law. Investment income from such Fixed Account assets will be allocated by the Company between itself and the Contracts participating in the Fixed Account.

The level of annuity payments made to Annuitants under the Contracts will not be affected by the mortality experience (death rate) of persons receiving such payments or of the general population. The Company assumes this "mortality risk" by virtue of annuity rates incorporated in the Contract which cannot be changed. In addition, the Company guarantees that it will not increase charges for maintenance of the Contracts regardless of its actual expenses.

Investment income from the Fixed Account allocated to the Company includes compensation for mortality and expense risks borne by the Company in connection with Fixed Account Contracts. The amount of such investment income allocated to the Contracts will vary from year to year in the sole discretion of the Company at such rate or rates as the Company prospectively declares from time to time. Any such rate or rates so determined will remain effective for a period of not less than twelve months, and remain at such rate unless changed. However, the Company guarantees that it will credit interest at not less than 3.0% per year (as otherwise required under state law, or at such minimum rate as stated in the Contract when sold). ANY INTEREST CREDITED TO AMOUNTS ALLOCATED TO THE FIXED ACCOUNT IN EXCESS OF 3.0% PER YEAR WILL BE DETERMINED IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE COMPANY. THE CONTRACT OWNER ASSUMES THE RISK THAT INTEREST CREDITED TO FIXED ACCOUNT ALLOCATIONS MAY NOT EXCEED THE MINIMUM GUARANTEE OF 3.0% FOR ANY GIVEN YEAR. New Purchase Payments deposited to the Contract which are allocated to the Fixed Account may receive a different rate of interest than money transferred from the Variable Account Sub-Accounts to the Fixed Account and amounts maturing in the Fixed Account after the expiration of an Interest Rate Guarantee Period.

The Company guarantees that, at any time, the Fixed Account Contract Value will not be less than the amount of the Purchase Payments allocated to the Fixed Account, plus interest credited as described above, less the sum of all administrative charges, any applicable premium taxes, and less any amounts surrendered. If the Contract Owner effects a surrender, the amount available from the Fixed Account will be reduced by any applicable Contingent Deferred Sales Charge (see "Contingent Deferred Sales Charge").

TRANSFERS

Contract Owners (or Annuitants, if so authorized) may at the maturity of an Interest Rate Guarantee Period, transfer a portion of the value of the Fixed Account from the Fixed Account to the Variable Account. The maximum percentage that may be transferred will be determined by the Company at its sole discretion, but will not be less than 10% of the total value of the portion of the Fixed Account that is maturing and will be declared upon the expiration date of the then current Interest Rate Guarantee Period. The Interest Rate Guarantee Period expires on the final day of a calendar quarter. Transfers must be made within 45 days after the expiration date of the guarantee period. Owners who have entered into a Dollar Cost Averaging Agreement with the Company (see "Dollar Cost Averaging") may transfer from the Fixed Account to the Variable Account under the terms of that agreement.

ANNUITY PAYMENT PERIOD-FIXED ACCOUNT

FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS

A Fixed Annuity is an annuity with payments which are guaranteed by the Company as to dollar amount during the annuity payment period. The first Fixed Annuity payment will be determined by applying the Fixed Account Contract Value to the applicable Annuity Table in accordance with the Annuity Payment Option elected. This will be done at the Annuitization Date on an age last birthday basis. Fixed Annuity payments after the first will not be less than the first Fixed Annuity payment.

The Company does not credit discretionary interest to Fixed Annuity payments during the annuity payment period for annuity options based on life contingencies. The Annuitant must rely on the Annuity Tables applicable to the Contracts to determine the amount of such Fixed Annuity payments.

ANNUITY TABLES AND ASSUMED INTEREST RATE

The Annuity Tables contained in the Contracts are based on the 1971 Individual Annuity Mortality Table (set back one year) and an assumed interest rate of 3.5%.

APPENDIX B

PARTICIPATING FUNDS

UNDERLYING MUTUAL FUND OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR CONTRACTS

ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1993

For new Contracts issued on or after January 1, 1993, Variable Account Purchase Payments may be allocated only to the Sub-Accounts which consist of shares of the underlying Mutual Fund options listed below:

Delchester Fund-Institutional Class

Investment Objective: Seeks to provide high current income by investing principally in corporate bonds, and also in U.S. Government securities and commercial paper. This Fund invests primarily in high-yield securities (junk bonds) and greater risks may be involved with an investment in the Fund than an investment in a Mutual Fund comprised primarily of investment grade bonds.

Dreyfus A Bonds Plus, Inc.

Investment Objective: The Fund's goal is to provide the maximum amount of current income to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital and the maintenance of liquidity. The Fund invests principally in debt obligations of corporations, the U.S. Government and its agencies and instrumentalities, and major U.S. banking institutions. The Fund's investment objective cannot be changed without approval by the holders of a majority (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) of the Fund's outstanding voting shares. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

Dreyfus S & P 500 Index Fund (Formerly Peoples Index Fund, Inc.)

Investment Objective: Seeks to provide investment results that correspond to the price and yield performance of publicly-traded common stocks in the aggregate, as represented by the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index. The Fund's investment objective cannot be changed without approval by the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting shares.

The Dreyfus Third Century Fund, Inc.

Investment Objective: Primarily seeks to provide capital growth through equity investment in companies that, in the opinion of the Fund's management, not only meet traditional investment standards but which also show evidence that they conduct their business, in a manner that contributes to the enhancement of the quality of life in America. Current income is secondary to the primary goal.

The Evergreen Total Return Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to achieve a return consisting of current income and capital appreciation in the value of its shares. The emphasis on current income and capital appreciation will be relatively equal although, over time, changes in the outlook for market conditions and the level of interest rates will cause the Fund to vary its emphasis between these two elements in its search for the optimum return for its shareholders. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective through investments in common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into or exchangeable for common stocks and fixed income securities. The Fund may also write covered call options.

Fidelity Advisor Equity Income Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to obtain reasonable income from a portfolio consisting primarily of income-producing equity securities, with a secondary emphasis on growth potential.

Fidelity Advisor Growth Opportunities Fund

Investment Objective: Pursues capital growth that exceeds market performance through investments in growth, cyclical, and value stocks, and securities convertible to common stocks.

Fidelity Advisor High Yield Fund

Investment Objective: A bond Fund designed to meet the needs of the long-term investor, seeking above-average monthly income and potential capital growth by investing in lower-rated, high-yielding, fixed income securities.

Fidelity Advisor Income Growth Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks income and growth potential by investing in securities including U.S. government and corporate bonds, and a diversified selection of common stocks.

Fidelity Asset Manager(TM)

Investment Objective: Seeks high total return with reduced risk over the long term by allocating its assets among stocks, bonds and short-term instruments.

Fidelity Equity-Income Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to obtain reasonable income from a portfolio consisting primarily of income-producing equity securities. The Fund seeks a yield which exceeds the composite yield on the securities comprising the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price index. In addition, consistent with the above objective, in managing its portfolio, the Fund will consider the potential for achieving capital appreciation.

Fidelity Magellan(R) Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks capital appreciation by investing primarily in common stock and securities convertible into common stock. Up to 20% of the Fund's assets may also be invested in debt securities of all types and qualities issued by foreign and domestic issuers if the Fund's management believes that doing so will result in capital appreciation. No emphasis is placed on dividend income except when the Fund's management believes that this income will have a favorable influence on the market value of the security. Because the Fund has no limitation on the quality of debt securities in which it may invest, the debt securities in its portfolio may be of poor quality and may present the risk of default or may be in default.

Fidelity Puritan Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to obtain as much income as possible, consistent with the preservation and conservation of capital, by investing in a broadly diversified portfolio of high-yielding securities, including common stocks, preferred stocks, and bonds. While emphasis on income is an important objective, this does not preclude growth in capital since some securities offering a better than average yield may also possess some growth possibilities.

Fidelity VIP High Income Portfolio (additional Purchase Payments or exchanges may not be made to this Fund on or after December 1, 1993)

Investment Objective: Seeks to obtain a high level of current income by investing primarily in high-risk, lower rated, high-yielding, fixed-income securities, while also considering growth of capital. The Fund's manager will seek high current income normally by investing the Portfolio's assets as follows:

- at least 80% in income-producing debt securities and preferred stocks, including convertible securities; and

- up to 20% in common stocks and other equity securities when consistent with the Portfolio's primary objective or acquired as part of a unit combining fixed-income and equity securities.

Higher yields are usually available on securities that are lower-rated or that are unrated. Lower-rated securities are usually defined as Ba or lower by Moody's; BB or lower by Standard & Poor's and may be deemed to be of a speculative nature. The Portfolio may also purchase lower-quality bonds such as those rated Ca3 by Moody's or C- by Standard & Poor's which provide poor protection for payment of principal and interest (commonly referred to as "junk bonds"). For a further discussion of lower-rated securities, please see the "Risks of Lower-Rated Debt Securities" section of the Portfolio's prospectus.

Janus Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in common stocks of a large number of issuers of any size. Generally this Fund emphasizes issuers with larger market capitalizations.

Janus Twenty Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks growth of capital in a manner consistent with the preservation of capital. Under normal conditions, the Fund will concentrate its investments in a core position of 20-30 common stocks. However, the percentage of the Fund's assets invested in common stocks will vary, depending upon its investment adviser's opinion of prevailing market, financial and economic conditions. Consequently, the Fund may at times hold substantial positions in cash, or interest bearing securities.

MFS(R) World Governments Fund

Investment Objective: To seek not only preservation, but also growth of capital, together with moderate current income through a professionally managed internationally diversified portfolio consisting primarily of debt securities and, to a lesser extent, equity securities. The Fund is designed for investors who wish to diversify their investments beyond the United States and who are prepared to accept the risks entailed in such investments which may be higher than those associated with certain U.S. Investments.

Nationwide(R) Bond Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to generate a high level of income consistent with capital preservation through investments in high quality bonds and other fixed income securities. Through investment in long-term income obligations, including corporate debt securities, United States and Canadian government obligations and commercial paper, this Fund seeks to serve those who are less willing to accept the greater risk and higher volatility of a common stock portfolio.

Nationwide(R) Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to obtain a reasonable current income on invested capital and possible growth of such income through timely investments in common stocks, convertible issues or bonds. Major emphasis in the selection of investments for this Fund is placed on securities which will provide a reasonable current return. Though growth of capital considerations is secondary, an effort is made to select those securities which, while paying a reasonable current return, also hold some promise of long-term growth as well as possibilities of growth of income.

Nationwide(R) Growth Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to achieve reasonable growth of capital through selective participation in the long-term progress of business without emphasis on current return on invested capital. Major emphasis in the selection of securities for this Fund is placed on strong companies which have capable management, and are in fields where social and economic trends, technical developments and new processes or products indicate greater than average growth.

Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to provide as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity, through a diversified portfolio of high quality money market instruments maturing in one year or less.

Nationwide(R) U.S. Government Income Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to provide as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital by investing in securities of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities. The average dollar-weighted maturity of the Fund will be maintained at between 3 and 10 years.

Neuberger & Berman Guardian Fund, Inc.

Investment Objective: Seeks capital appreciation through investments generally in dividend-paying issues of established companies that its investment officers believe are well managed. The emphasis of the Fund's investments is on common stock. The Fund diversifies its holdings among different industries and different companies in light of conditions prevailing at any given time. Current income is a secondary objective.

Neuberger & Berman Limited Maturity Bond Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks highest current income consistent with low risk to principal and liquidity. The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of short-to intermediate-term debt securities and other debt securities with special features producing similar price characteristics. Total return is a secondary objective.

Neuberger & Berman Partners Fund, Inc.

Investment Objective: Seeks capital growth. The Fund invests in securities solely on the basis of management's evaluation of their investment merit and potential for growth using a value-oriented approach to the selection of individual securities. The Fund's management believes that the Fund is an attractive investment vehicle for conservative investors who are interested in long-term appreciation from stock investments, but who have a low tolerance for risk.

Oppenheimer Global Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks capital appreciation. The Fund emphasizes investment in foreign and domestic securities considered by the Fund's investment manager to have appreciation possibilities, primarily common stocks or securities having investment characteristics of common stocks (such as convertible securities) of "growth-type" companies. As a matter of fundamental policy, under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest its total assets in securities of issuers traded in markets in at least three different countries (which may include the United States). The portfolio may also emphasize securities of cyclical industries and "special situations" when the Fund's manager believes that they present opportunities for capital growth. The remainder of the Fund's invested assets will be invested in securities for liquidity purposes.

Phoenix Balanced Fund Series

Investment Objective: The Fund seeks reasonable income, long-term capital growth and conservation of capital. It is intended that the Fund will invest in common stocks and fixed income securities, with emphasis on income-producing securities which appear to have some potential for capital enhancement.

Strong Total Return Fund, Inc.

Investment Objective: Seeks a combination of income and capital appreciation which will produce the highest total return while assuming reasonable risks. "Reasonable risks" refers to the advisor's judgment that the risks of investing in the securities in the Total Return Fund's portfolio are no greater than normal. The Total Return Fund invests in common stocks and other equity-type securities; corporate bonds, debentures, and notes; and short-term money market instruments. Common stocks may be either growth or income oriented. Other equity-type securities are limited to convertible bonds, preferred stocks, warrants, and convertible preferred shares. Short-term money market instruments include U.S. Treasury obligations, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper, and variable-rate master demand notes (floating-rate debt instruments without a fixed maturity). The Total Return Fund may also invest in debt securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government and its agencies or instrumentalities.

Templeton Foreign Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks long-term capital growth through a flexible policy of investing in stocks and debt obligations of companies and governments outside the United States. Any income realized will be incidental.

Twentieth Century Growth Investors

Investment Objective: Seeks capital growth through investment in securities which the management considers to have better than average prospects for appreciation of value. The Fund's investment approach identifies companies with accelerating earnings and revenues. As part of its strategy, the Fund remains essentially fully invested in stocks at all times.

Twentieth Century International Equity Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks capital growth by investing in an international portfolio of common stocks, primarily in developed markets; stocks considered by the investment manager to have prospects for appreciation. The Fund will invest primarily in common stocks (defined to include depository receipts for common stocks) and other equity equivalents of such companies.

Twentieth Century Ultra Investors

Investment Objective: The investment objective of the Fund is to seek capital growth by investing primarily in common stocks that are considered by management to have better-than-average prospects for appreciation.

Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short-Term

Investment Objective: To seek current income and limited price volatility by maintaining an average weighted portfolio maturity of four years or less. U.S. Governments invests in securities of the United States government and its agencies.

Warburg Pincus Emerging Growth Fund:

Investment Objective: Seeks maximum capital appreciation by investing in equity securities of small- to medium-sized companies in the United States with emerging or renewed growth potential.

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ISSUED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 25, 1982 AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1993

For new Contracts issued on or after December 25, 1982, and before January 1, 1993 Variable Account Purchase Payments may be allocated only to the Sub-Accounts which consist of shares of the underlying Mutual Fund options listed below:

Fidelity Capital & Income Fund (additional Purchase Payments or exchanges may not be made to this Fund on or after May 1, 1991. Not available for Contracts issued on or after May 1, 1987)

Investment Objective: Seeks to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing primarily in debt instruments and common and preferred stocks, with a focus on lower-quality debt securities of companies with uncertain financial positions.

Fidelity Equity-Income Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to obtain reasonable income from a portfolio consisting primarily of income-producing equity securities. The Fund seeks a yield which exceeds the composite yield on the securities

comprising the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price index. In addition, consistent with the above objective, in managing its portfolio, the Fund will consider the potential for achieving capital appreciation.

Fidelity VIP High Income Portfolio (additional Purchase Payments or exchanges may not be made to this Fund on or after December 1, 1993)

Investment Objective: Seeks to obtain a high level of current income by investing primarily in high-risk, lower rated, high-yielding, fixed-income securities, while also considering growth of capital. The Fund's manager will seek high current income normally by investing the Portfolio's assets as follows:

- at least 80% in income-producing debt securities and preferred stocks, including convertible securities; and

- up to 20% in common stocks and other equity securities when consistent with the Portfolio's primary objective or acquired as part of a unit combining fixed-income and equity securities.

Higher yields are usually available on securities that are lower-rated or that are unrated. Lower-rated securities are usually defined as Ba or lower by Moody's; BB or lower by Standard & Poor's and may be deemed to be of a speculative nature. The Portfolio may also purchase lower-quality bonds such as those rated Ca3 by Moody's or C- by Standard & Poor's which provide poor protection for payment of principal and interest (commonly referred to as "junk bonds"). For a further discussion of lower-rated securities, please see the "Risks of Lower-Rated Debt Securities" section of the Portfolio's prospectus.

MFS(R) World Governments Fund

Investment Objective: To seek not only preservation, but also growth of capital, together with moderate current income through a professionally managed internationally diversified portfolio consisting primarily of debt securities and, to a lesser extent, equity securities. The Fund is designed for investors who wish to diversify their investments beyond the

United States and who are prepared to accept the risks entailed in such investments which may be higher than those associated with certain U.S. Investments.

Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund

Investment Objective: To provide as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity, through a diversified portfolio of high quality money market instruments maturing in one year or less.

Twentieth Century Growth Investors

Investment Objective: To seek capital growth through investment in securities which the management considers to have better than average prospects for appreciation of value. The Fund's investment approach identifies companies with accelerating earnings and revenues. As part of it strategy, the Fund remains essentially fully invested in stocks at all times.

Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short-Term

Investment Objective: To seek current income and limited price volatility by maintaining an average weighted portfolio maturity of four years or less. U.S. Governments invests in securities of the United States government and its agencies.

UNDERLYING MUTUAL FUND OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR CONTRACTS ISSUED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 25, 1982

For Contracts issued prior to December 25, 1982, Variable Account Purchase Payments may be allocated only to Sub-Accounts which consist of shares of the four Mutual Funds listed below. Each of the underlying Mutual Fund options listed below is a series of shares of Nationwide Investing Foundation and receives investment advice from Nationwide Financial Services, Inc.

Nationwide(R) Bond Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to generate a high level of income consistent with capital preservation through investments in high quality bonds and other fixed income securities. Through investment in long-term income obligations, including corporate debt securities, United States and Canadian government obligations and commercial paper, this Fund seeks to serve those who are less willing to accept the greater risk and higher volatility of a common stock portfolio.

Nationwide(R) Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to obtain a reasonable current income on invested capital and possible growth of such income through timely investments in common stocks, convertible issues or bonds. Major emphasis in the selection of investments for this Fund is placed on securities which will provide a reasonable current return.

Though growth of capital considerations is secondary, an effort is made to select those securities which, while paying a reasonable current return, also hold some promise of long-term growth as well as possibilities of growth of income.

Nationwide(R) Growth Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to achieve reasonable growth of capital through selective participation in the long-term progress of business without emphasis on current return on invested capital. Major emphasis in the selection of securities for this Fund is placed on strong companies which have capable management, and are in fields where social and economic trends, technical developments and new processes or products indicate greater than average growth.

Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund

Investment Objective: Seeks to provide as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity, through a diversified portfolio of high quality money market instruments maturing in one year or less.

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 1996

INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT OF NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

This Statement of Additional Information is not a prospectus. It contains information in addition to and more detailed than set forth in the prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the prospectus dated May 1, 1996. The prospectus may be obtained from Nationwide Life Insurance Company by writing P. O. Box 16609, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6609, or calling 1-800-848-6631, TDD 1-800-238-3035.

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND HISTORY

The Nationwide Variable Account ("Variable Account") is a separate investment account of Nationwide Life Insurance Company ("Company"). The Company is a member of the Nationwide Insurance Enterprise and all of the Company's common stock is owned by Nationwide Corporation. Nationwide Corporation is a holding company. All of its common stock is held by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (95.3%) and Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company (4.7%).

SERVICES

The Company, which has responsibility for administration of the Contracts and the Variable Account, maintains records of the name, address, taxpayer identification number, and other pertinent information for each Contract Owner and the number and type of Contract issued to each such Contract Owner and records with respect to the Contract Value of each Contract.

The Custodian of the assets of the Variable Account is the Company. The Company will maintain a record of all purchases and redemptions of shares of the underlying Mutual Fund options. The Company, or affiliates of the Company may have entered into agreements with either the investment adviser or distributor for several of the underlying Mutual Funds. The agreements relate to administrative services furnished by the Company or an affiliate of the Company and provide for an annual fee based on the average aggregate net assets of the Variable Account (and other separate accounts of the Company or life insurance company subsidiaries of the Company) invested in particular underlying Mutual Funds. These fees in no way affect the net asset value of the underlying Mutual Funds or fees paid by the Contract Owner.

The financial statements and schedules have been included herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, independent certified public accountants, Two Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

PURCHASE OF SECURITIES BEING OFFERED

The Contracts will be sold by licensed insurance agents in the states where the Contracts may be lawfully sold. Such agents will be registered representatives of broker-dealers registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 who are members of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD").

The Contract Owner may, on written request, transfer up to 100% of the Contract Value from the Variable Account to the Fixed Account. However, the Company reserves the right to restrict transfers from the Variable Account to 25% of Contract Value in any 12 month period. Such transfers must be made prior to the earlier of the Annuitization Date or the death of the Designated Annuitant. However, no such transfers will be permitted prior to the first Contract Anniversary, or within 12 months of any prior transfer. Contract Owners may at the maturity of an Interest Rate Guarantee Period transfer a portion of the Contract Value of the Fixed Account to the Variable Account. Such portion will be determined by the Company at its sole discretion, but will not be less than 10% of the total value of the portion of the Fixed Account that is maturing, and will be declared upon the expiration date of the then current interest rate guarantee period. The Interest Rate Guarantee Period expires on the final day of a calendar quarter; therefore the

Interest Rate Guarantee Period for deposits or transfers in the Fixed Account may continue for up to three months after a one year period has expired. Transfers under this provision must be made within 30 days after the expiration date of the guarantee period. Owners who have entered into a Dollar Cost Averaging Agreement with the Company may transfer from the Fixed Account to the Variable Account under the terms of that agreement.

UNDERWRITERS

The Contracts, which are offered continuously, are distributed by Nationwide Advisory Services, Inc. ("NAS"), One Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43216, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993 no underwriting commissions were paid by the Company to NAS.

CALCULATION OF YIELD QUOTATIONS OF MONEY MARKET SUB-ACCOUNTS

Current yield quotations of the Nationwide Money Market Fund are based on a seven calendar day historical yield, computed by determining the net change, exclusive of capital changes, in the value of a hypothetical pre-existing account having a balance of one share at the beginning of the period, dividing the net change in the account value by the value of the account at the beginning of the base period to obtain a base period return and multiplying the base period return by 365/7 (366/7 in a leap year). The resulting yield figure is carried to at least the nearest hundredth of one percent. For purposes of this calculation, the net change in account value reflects the value of additional shares purchased with dividends from the original share and any such additional shares. The Fund's effective yield represents a compounding on an annualized basis of the current yield quotations of the Fund.

The Fund's yield will fluctuate daily. Actual yields will depend on factors such as the type of instruments in the Fund's portfolio, portfolio quality and average maturity, changes in interest rates, and the Fund's expenses.

Although the Fund determines its yield on the basis of a seven calendar day period, it may use a different time span on occasion. The yield quotes may reflect the expense limitation described under "Investment Manager and Other Services" in the Fund prospectus.

There is no assurance that the yields quoted on any given occasion will remain in effect for any period of time and there is no guarantee that the net asset values will remain constant. It should be noted that a shareholder's investment in the Fund is not guaranteed or insured. Yields of other money market Funds may not be comparable if a different base period or another method of calculation is used.

ANNUITY PAYMENTS

See "Frequency and Amount of Annuity Payments" located in the prospectus.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors and Contract Owners of
Nationwide Variable Account
Nationwide Life Insurance Company:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities and contract owners' equity of Nationwide Variable Account as of December 31, 1995, and the related statements of operations and changes in contract owners' equity and schedules of changes in unit value for each of the years in the three year period then ended. These financial statements and schedules of changes in unit value are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules of changes in unit value based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and schedules of changes in unit value are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 1995, by correspondence with the custodian and the transfer agents of the underlying mutual funds. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and schedules of changes in unit value referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nationwide Variable Account as of December 31, 1995, and the results of its operations and its changes in contract owners' equity and the schedules of changes in unit value for each of the years in the three year period then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG Peat Marwick LLP

Columbus, Ohio
February 6, 1996

NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND CONTRACT OWNERS' EQUITY

DECEMBER 31, 1995

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ASSETS:	
Investments at market value:	
Delaware Group Delchester High-Yield Bond Fund, Inc. - Delchester Fund Institutional Class (DeHyBd) 128,274 shares (cost $830,095)..	$ 799,146
Dreyfus A Bonds Plus, Inc. (DryABds) 38,435 shares (cost $543,964)..	573,452
Dreyfus S&P 500 Index Fund (Dry500Ix) 25,439 shares (cost $441,378)..	483,346
The Dreyfus Third Century Fund, Inc. (Dry3dCen) 19,137 shares (cost $145,856)..	157,688
The Evergreen Total Return Fund - Class Y (EvTotRet) 38,436 shares (cost $746,258)..	765,641
Fidelity Asset Manager(TM) (FidAsMgr) 140,095 shares (cost $2,053,447).......................................	2,220,511
Fidelity Capital & Income Fund (FidCapIn) 155,140 shares (cost $1,319,326).......................................	1,421,081
Fidelity Equity-Income Fund (FidEqInc) 322,227 shares (cost $10,020,804)......................................	12,222,089
Fidelity Magellan(R) Fund (FidMgln) 105,965 shares (cost $8,110,929).......................................	9,110,906
Fidelity Puritan Fund (FidPurtn) 255,404 shares (cost $4,071,433).......................................	4,344,424
Fidelity VIP - High Income Portfolio (FidHiInc) 36,914 shares (cost $421,562)..	444,813
Janus Twenty Fund (Jan20Fd) 44,023 shares (cost $1,120,595)..	1,130,065
MFS(R) World Governments Fund - Class A (MFSWdGvt) 110,656 shares (cost $1,301,562).......................................	1,219,428
Nationwide(R) Bond Fund (NWBdFd) 152,673 shares (cost $1,466,716).......................................	1,493,137
Nationwide(R) Fund (NWFund) 101,546 shares (cost $1,541,872).......................................	1,788,228
Nationwide(R) Growth Fund (NWGroFd) 260,900 shares (cost $2,674,654).......................................	3,216,893

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Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund (NWMyMkt)	
9,255,173 shares (cost $9,255,173)	9,255,173
Neuberger & Berman Guardian Fund (NBGuard)	
75,897 shares (cost $1,645,853)	1,747,909
Neuberger & Berman Limited Maturity Bond Fund (NBLtdMat)	
97,260 shares (cost $969,786)	987,192
Neuberger & Berman Partners Fund (NBPartFd)	
49,549 shares (cost $1,069,012)	1,097,025
Oppenheimer Global Fund - Class A (OppGlob)	
71,647 shares (cost $2,500,229)	2,499,779
Phoenix Balanced Fund Series - Class A (PhxBalFd)	
16,103 shares (cost $257,112)	270,526
Strong Total Return Fund, Inc. (StTotRet)	
21,668 shares (cost $570,584)	614,935
Templeton Foreign Fund - Class I (TemForFd)	
83,517 shares (cost $772,935)	766,686
Twentieth Century Growth Investors (TCGroInv)	
545,125 shares (cost $11,527,624)	10,569,971
Twentieth Century International Equity (TCIntlEq)	
38,477 shares (cost $288,806)	299,354
Twentieth Century Ultra Investors (TCUltra)	
125,466 shares (cost $2,834,209)	3,275,919
Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short-Term (TCUSGvt)	
463,231 shares (cost $4,415,647)	4,437,748
Total investments	77,213,065
Accounts receivable	13,735
Total assets	77,226,800
Accounts payable	424
Contract owners' equity (note 4)	$77,226,376

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN CONTRACT OWNERS' EQUITY

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995, 1994 AND 1993

	1995	1994	1993
Investment activity:			
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	$ 5,403,676	4,476,720	2,952,700
Gain (loss) on investments:			
Proceeds from redemptions of mutual fund shares	19,494,999	19,343,653	14,007,169
Cost of mutual fund shares sold	(19,182,917)	(18,215,058)	(11,941,205)
Realized gain (loss) on investments	312,082	1,128,595	2,065,964
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments	6,984,871	(5,977,389)	(991,082)

Net gain (loss) on investments	7,296,953	(4,848,794)	1,074,882
Net investment activity	12,700,629	(372,074)	4,027,582
Equity transactions:			
Purchase payments received from contract owners	21,817,759	16,078,025	5,555,624
Redemptions	(11,831,829)	(5,989,583)	(5,484,670)
Annuity benefits	(18,792)	(19,197)	(19,218)
Adjustments to maintain reserves	5,498	1,593	2,272
Net equity transactions	9,972,636	10,070,838	54,008
Expenses (note 2):			
Contract charges	(898,746)	(735,120)	(641,707)
Contingent deferred sales charges	(43,999)	(50,816)	(70,164)
Total expenses	(942,745)	(785,936)	(711,871)
Net change in contract owners' equity	21,730,520	8,912,828	3,369,719
Contract owners' equity beginning of period	55,495,856	46,583,028	43,213,309
Contract owners' equity end of period	$ 77,226,376	55,495,856	46,583,028

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1995, 1994 AND 1993

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Organization and Nature of Operations

The Nationwide Variable Account (the Account) was established pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors of Nationwide Life Insurance Company (the Company) on March 3, 1976. The Account has been registered as a unit investment trust under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

The Company offers Individual Deferred Variable Annuity Contracts through the Account. As of December 25, 1982, only tax qualified contracts are issued. The primary distribution for the contracts is through the Company for Individual Retirement Account rollovers; however, other distributors may be utilized.

(b) The Contracts

Only contracts without a front-end sales charge, but with a contingent deferred sales charge and certain other fees, are offered for purchase. See note 2 for a discussion of contract expenses.

With certain exceptions, contract owners in either the accumulation or the payout phase may invest in the following:

Delaware Group Delchester High-Yield Bond Fund, Inc. - Delchester Fund Institutional Class (DeHyBd)

Dreyfus A Bonds Plus, Inc. (DryABds)

Dreyfus S&P 500 Index Fund (Dry500Ix) (formerly Peoples Index Fund(R), Inc. (PeoIxFd))

The Dreyfus Third Century Fund, Inc. (Dry3dCen)

The Evergreen Total Return Fund - Class Y (EvTotRet)

Fidelity Advisor Equity-Income Fund - Class A (FAEqInc)

Fidelity Advisor Growth Opportunities Fund - Class A (FAGrOpp)

Fidelity Advisor High Yield Fund - Class A (FAHiYld)

Fidelity Advisor Income & Growth Fund - Class A (FAIncGr)

Fidelity Asset Manager(TM) (FidAsMgr)

Fidelity Capital & Income Fund (FidCapIn) (not available for additional purchase payments or exchanges after May 1, 1991)

Fidelity Equity-Income Fund (FidEqInc)

Fidelity Magellan(R) Fund (FidMgln)

Fidelity Puritan Fund (FidPurtn)

Portfolio of the Fidelity Variable Insurance Products Fund (Fidelity VIP); Fidelity VIP - High Income Portfolio (FidHiInc) (not available for additional purchase payments or exchanges after December 1, 1993)

Janus Fund (JanFund)

Janus Twenty Fund (Jan20Fd)

MFS(R) World Governments Fund - Class A (MFSWdGvt)

Nationwide(R) Bond Fund (NWBdFd) (managed for a fee by an affiliated investment advisor)

Nationwide(R) Fund (NWFund) (managed for a fee by an affiliated investment advisor)

Nationwide(R) Growth Fund (NWGroFd) (managed for a fee by an affiliated investment advisor)

Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund (NWMyMkt) (managed for a fee by an affiliated investment advisor)

Nationwide(R) U.S. Government Income Fund (NWUSGvt) (managed for a fee by an affiliated investment advisor)

Neuberger & Berman Guardian Fund (NBGuard)

Neuberger & Berman Limited Maturity Bond Fund (NBLtdMat)

Neuberger & Berman Partners Fund (NBPartFd)

Oppenheimer Global Fund - Class A (OppGlob)

Phoenix Balanced Fund Series - Class A (PhxBalFd)

Strong Total Return Fund, Inc. (StTotRet)

Templeton Foreign Fund - Class I (TemForFd)

Twentieth Century Growth Investors (TCGroInv)

Twentieth Century International Equity (TCIntlEq)

Twentieth Century Ultra Investors (TCUltra)

Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short-Term (TCUSGvt)

Warburg Pincus Emerging Growth - Common Shares (WPEmGro)

At December 31, 1995, contract owners have invested in all of the above funds, except the Fidelity Advisor Equity-Income Fund - Class A, the Fidelity Advisor Growth Opportunities Fund - Class A, the Fidelity Advisor High Yield Fund - Class A, the Fidelity Advisor Income & Growth Fund - Class A, the Janus Fund, the Nationwide(R) U.S. Government Income Fund, and the Warburg Pincus Emerging Growth - Common Shares.

The contract owners' equity is affected by the investment results of each fund, equity transactions by contract owners and certain contract expenses (see note 2). The accompanying financial statements include only contract owners' purchase payments pertaining to the variable portions of their contracts and exclude any purchase payments for fixed dollar benefits, the latter being included in the accounts of the Company.

(c) Security Valuation, Transactions and Related Investment Income

The market value of the underlying mutual funds is based on the closing net asset value per share at December 31, 1995. The cost of investments sold is determined on a specific identification basis. Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed) and dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

(d) Federal Income Taxes

Operations of the Account form a part of, and are taxed with, operations of the Company which is taxed as a life insurance company under the Internal Revenue Code.

The Company does not provide for income taxes within the Account. Taxes are the responsibility of the contract owner upon termination or withdrawal.

(e) Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles may require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, if any, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(2) EXPENSES

The Company does not deduct a sales charge from purchase payments received from the contract owners. However, if any part of the contract value of such contracts is surrendered, the Company will, with certain exceptions, deduct from a contract owner's contract value a contingent deferred sales charge. For contracts issued prior to January 1, 1993, the contingent deferred sales charge will be equal to 5% of the lesser of the total of all purchase payments made within 96 months prior to the date of the request for surrender or the amount surrendered. For contracts issued on or after January 1, 1993, the Company will deduct a contingent deferred sales charge not to exceed 7% of the lesser of purchase payments or the amount surrendered, such charge declining 1% per year, to 0%, after the purchase payment has been held in the contract for 84 months. No sales charges are deducted on redemptions used to purchase units in the fixed investment options of the Company.

The following administrative charges are deducted by the Company: (a) an annual contract maintenance charge of $30, with certain exceptions, which is satisfied by surrendering units; and (b) for contracts issued prior to January 1, 1993, a charge for mortality and expense risk assessed through the daily unit value calculation equal to an annual rate of 0.80% and 0.50%, respectively; for contracts issued on or after January 1, 1993, a mortality risk charge, an expense risk charge and an administration charge assessed through the daily unit value calculation equal to an annual rate of 0.80%, 0.45% and 0.05%, respectively.

(3) SCHEDULE I

Schedule I presents the components of the change in the unit values, which are the basis for contract owners' equity. This schedule is presented in the following format:

- Beginning unit value - Jan. 1

- Reinvested capital gains and dividends
  (This amount reflects the increase in the unit value due to capital gains and dividend distributions from the underlying mutual funds.)

- Unrealized gain (loss)
  (This amount reflects the increase (decrease) in the unit value resulting from the market appreciation (depreciation) of the underlying mutual funds.)

- Contract charges
  (This amount reflects the decrease in the unit value due to the mortality risk charge, expense risk charge and administration charge discussed in note 2.)

- Ending unit value - Dec. 31

- Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value.

For contracts in the payout phase, an assumed investment return of 3.5%, used in the calculation of the annuity benefit payment amount, results in a corresponding reduction in the components of the unit values as shown in Schedule I.

(4) COMPONENTS OF CONTRACT OWNERS' EQUITY

The following is a summary of contract owners' equity at December 31, 1995, for each series, in both the accumulation and payout phases.

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Contract owners' equity represented by:	Units	Unit Value	
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Contracts in accumulation phase:			
Delaware Group Delchester High-Yield Bond Fund, Inc. - Delchester Fund Institutional Class:			
Tax qualified....................................	65,214	$12.257125	$ 799,336
Dreyfus A Bonds Plus, Inc.:			
Tax qualified....................................	53,005	10.819193	573,471
Dreyfus S&P 500 Index Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	33,323	14.505515	483,367
The Dreyfus Third Century Fund, Inc.:			
Tax qualified....................................	12,292	12.829548	157,701
The Evergreen Total Return Fund - Class Y:			
Tax qualified....................................	60,789	12.594984	765,636
Fidelity Asset Manager(TM):			
Tax qualified....................................	198,546	11.183603	2,220,460
Fidelity Capital & Income Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	37,608	37.550944	1,412,216
Fidelity Equity-Income Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	263,736	46.285491	12,207,150
Fidelity Magellan(R) Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	563,859	16.158074	9,110,875
Fidelity Puritan Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	301,466	14.410892	4,344,394
Fidelity VIP - High Income Portfolio:			
Tax qualified....................................	22,970	19.364421	444,801
Janus Twenty Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	96,594	11.699046	1,130,058
MFS(R) World Governments Fund - Class A:			
Tax qualified....................................	34,015	35.454983	1,206,001
Nationwide(R) Bond Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	38,843	37.782872	1,467,600
Non-tax qualified................................	622	37.620900	23,400
Nationwide(R) Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	30,473	57.857937	1,763,105
Non-tax qualified................................	258	60.264917	15,548
Nationwide(R) Growth Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	48,841	65.471148	3,197,676
Non-tax qualified................................	120	69.129314	8,296
Nationwide(R) Money Market Fund:			
Tax qualified - Pre 12/25/82......................	49,996	23.797066	1,189,758
Tax qualified....................................	424,693	18.898613	8,026,109
Non-tax qualified................................	1,323	23.947460	31,682
Neuberger & Berman Guardian Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	139,046	12.571028	1,747,951
Neuberger & Berman Limited Maturity Bond Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	91,976	10.735070	987,369
Neuberger & Berman Partners Fund:			
Tax qualified....................................	73,504	14.924653	1,097,022
Oppenheimer Global Fund - Class A:			
Tax qualified....................................	160,871	15.538850	2,499,750
Phoenix Balanced Fund Series - Class A:			
Tax qualified....................................	23,786	11.373217	270,523
Strong Total Return Fund, Inc.:			
Tax qualified....................................	41,291	14.893186	614,955
Templeton Foreign Fund - Class I:			
Tax qualified....................................	69,083	11.097523	766,650
Twentieth Century Growth Investors:			
Tax qualified....................................	231,124	45.274141	10,463,941
Twentieth Century International Equity:			
Tax qualified....................................	25,477	11.748911	299,327
Twentieth Century Ultra Investors:			
Tax qualified....................................	266,570	12.289075	3,275,899
Twentieth Century U.S. Governments Short-Term:			
Tax qualified....................................	216,620	20.449954	4,429,869
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Reserves for annuity contracts in payout phase:			
Tax qualified....................................			194,480

$77,226,376
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SCHEDULE I

NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT
TAX QUALIFIED
SCHEDULES OF CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995, 1994 AND 1993

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	DeHyBd	DryABds	Dry500Ix	Dry3dCen	EvTotRet	FidAsMgr	FidCapIn	FidEqInc
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
1995***								
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$10.867271	9.110600	10.749166	9.570659	10.301799	9.589367	32.589111	35.576037
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	1.215468	.658102	.397253	.897413	.668749	.319835	3.427571	2.721500
Unrealized gain (loss)	.327407	1.181188	3.524795	2.507797	1.773798	1.408821	2.006467	8.520244
Contract charges	(.153021)	(.130697)	(.165699)	(.146321)	(.149362)	(.134420)	(.472205)	(.532290)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$12.257125	10.819193	14.505515	12.829548	12.594984	11.183603	37.550944	46.285491
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	13%	19%	35%	34%	22%	17%	15%	30%
1994								
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$11.511092	10.000000	10.819026	10.477293	11.153183	10.415849	34.612981	35.955883
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	1.272604	.673864	1.169814	1.340681	.771284	.386944	2.899199	3.474735
Unrealized gain (loss)	(1.770117)	(1.452714)	(1.099729)	(2.117415)	(1.484673)	(1.082752)	(4.479225)	(3.384084)
Contract charges	(.146308)	(.110550)	(.139945)	(.129900)	(.137995)	(.130674)	(.443844)	(.470497)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$10.867271	9.110600	10.749166	9.570659	10.301799	9.589367	32.589111	35.576037
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	(6)%	(9)%(b)	(1)%	(9)%	(8)%	(8)%	(6)%	(1)%
1993								
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$10.000000	**	10.000000	10.000000	10.000000	10.000000	28.076548	30.029661
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	1.182306		.620996	.763556	1.208371	.409348	2.810534	1.323037
Unrealized gain (loss)	.471495		.332942	(.155922)	.084471	.034341	4.147502	5.040278
Contract charges	(.142709)		(.134912)	(.130341)	(.139659)	(.027840)	(.421603)	(.437093)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$11.511092		10.819026	10.477293	11.153183	10.415849	34.612981	35.955883
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	15%(b)		8%(b)	5%(b)	12%(b)	4%(b)	23%	20%

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SCHEDULE I, CONTINUED

NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT
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	FidMgln	FidPurtn	FidHiInc	Jan20Fd	MFSWdGvt	NWBdFd	NWFund
1995**							
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$11.964387	12.020413	16.267014	8.701036	31.104159	30.832258	45.095466
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	.938243	.761762	1.177771	1.991385	4.432437	2.340919	3.894595
Unrealized gain (loss)	3.445891	1.800691	2.155057	1.142737	.359301	5.062302	9.527720
Contract charges	(.190447)	(.171974)	(.235421)	(.136112)	(.440914)	(.452607)	(.659844)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$16.158074	14.410892	19.364421	11.699046	35.454983	37.782872	57.857937
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	35%	20%	19%	34%	14%	23%	28%
1994							
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$12.346838	11.972512	16.739460	9.451097	33.728667	33.991130	45.422888
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	.480494	.964375	1.533862	.025710	1.658769	2.317590	4.420863
Unrealized gain (loss)	(.704119)	(.757623)	(1.790091)	(.657508)	(3.874555)	(5.061696)	(4.160340)
Contract charges	(.158826)	(.158851)	(.216217)	(.118263)	(.408722)	(.414766)	(.587945)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$11.964387	12.020413	16.267014	8.701036	31.104159	30.832258	45.095466
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	(3)%	0%	(3)%	(8)%	(8)%	(9)%	(1)%
1993							
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$10.000000	10.000000	14.073333	10.000000	28.864451	31.104546	43.104048
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	1.173742	1.451507	1.157225	.264912	3.190912	2.458273	3.251045
Unrealized gain (loss)	1.321301	.666192	1.712047	(.787472)	2.083311	.864801	(.371871)
Contract charges	(.148205)	(.145187)	(.203145)	(.026343)	(.410007)	(.436490)	(.560334)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$12.346838	11.972512	16.739460	9.451097	33.728667	33.991130	45.422888
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	23%(b)	20%(b)	19%	(5)%(b)	17%	9%	5%

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NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT
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SCHEDULES OF CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE
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	NWGroFd	NWMyMkt Pre 12/25/82	NWMyMkt	NBGuard	NBLtdMat	NBPartFd	OppGlob
1995***							
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$51.535806	22.850271	18.146709	9.640402	9.833352	11.183371	13.503390
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	6.923629	1.251864	.994176	.546753	.635595	1.728556	.955752
Unrealized gain (loss)	7.791689	.000000	.000000	2.533695	.401069	2.184589	1.269343
Contract charges	(.779976)	(.305069)	(.242272)	(.149822)	(.134946)	(.171863)	(.189635)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$65.471148	23.797066	18.898613	12.571028	10.735070	14.924653	15.538850
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	27%	4%	4%	30%	9%	33%	15%
1994							
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$51.458079	22.315407	17.721943	10.000000	9.995028	11.548721	14.119303
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	1.956402	.829315	.658609	.249418	.555641	.945341	1.418589
Unrealized gain (loss)	(1.208860)	.000000	.000000	(.492915)	(.588488)	(1.162325)	(1.850696)
Contract charges	(.669815)	(.294451)	(.233843)	(.116101)	(.128829)	(.148366)	(.183806)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$51.535806	22.850271	18.146709	9.640402	9.833352	11.183371	13.503390
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	0%	2%	2%	(4)%(b)	(2)%	(3)%	(4)%
1993							
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$46.832151	22.042019	17.504831	**	10.000000	10.000000	10.000000
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	1.830294	.563931	.447841		.190065	1.163476	1.251857
Unrealized gain (loss)	3.434588	.000000	.000000		(.162079)	.524641	3.014957
Contract charges	(.638954)	(.290543)	(.230729)		(.032958)	(.139396)	(.147511)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$51.458079	22.315407	17.721943		9.995028	11.548721	14.119303
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	10%	1%	1%		0%(b)	15%(b)	41%(b)

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SCHEDULE I, CONTINUED

NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT
TAX QUALIFIED
SCHEDULES OF CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE
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	PhxBalFd	StTotRet	TemForFd	TCGroInv	TCIntlEq	TCUltra	TCUSGvt
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1995***							
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$ 9.338434	11.881033	10.000000	38.113717	10.000000	9.043121	18.748399
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	.913359	.793239	.700873	6.277505	.010869	.581551	1.086234
Unrealized gain (loss)	1.255938	2.394151	.523675	1.457594	1.867440	2.805900	.873119
Contract charges	(.134514)	(.175237)	(.127025)	(.574675)	(.129398)	(.141497)	(.257798)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$11.373217	14.893186	11.097523	45.274141	11.748911	12.289075	20.449954
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	22%	25%	11%(b)	19%	17%(b)	36%	9%
1994							
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$10.000000	12.205201	**	39.197771	**	9.505758	19.087872
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	.295350	.172665		5.656730		.283163	.888205
Unrealized gain (loss)	(.843207)	(.340340)		(6.232359)		(.626504)	(.981660)
Contract charges	(.113709)	(.156493)		(.508425)		(.119296)	(.246018)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$9.338434	11.881033		38.113717		9.043121	18.748399
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)	(7)%(b)	(3)%		(3)%		(5)%	(2)%
1993							
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	**	$10.000000	**	38.275689	**	10.000000	18.563845
Reinvested capital gains and dividends		.191064		4.379740		.000000	.652799
Unrealized gain (loss)		2.158921		(2.963789)		(.468221)	.119394
Contract charges		(.144784)		(.493869)		(.026021)	(.248166)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31		$12.205201		39.197771		9.505758	19.087872
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value* (a)		22%(b)		2%		(5)%(b)	3%

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SCHEDULE I, CONTINUED

NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

NON-TAX QUALIFIED

SCHEDULES OF CHANGES IN UNIT VALUE

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995, 1994 AND 1993

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	NWBdFd	NWFund	NWGroFd	NWMyMkt

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1995				
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$30.700082	46.971513	54.415339	22.994681
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	2.330893	4.056617	7.310483	1.259777
Unrealized gain (loss)	5.040599	9.924079	8.227039	.000000
Contract charges	(.450674)	(.687292)	(.823547)	(.306998)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$37.620900	60.264917	69.129314	23.947460
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value*	23%	28%	27%	4%
1994				
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$33.845410	47.312558	54.333269	22.456439
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	2.307668	4.604779	2.065716	.834547
Unrealized gain (loss)	(5.040000)	(4.333421)	(1.276404)	.000000
Contract charges	(.412996)	(.612403)	(.707242)	(.296305)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$30.700082	46.971513	54.415339	22.994681
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value*	(9)%	(1)%	0%	2%
1993				
Beginning unit value - Jan. 1	$30.971200	44.897247	49.448867	22.181323
Reinvested capital gains and dividends	2.447737	3.386294	1.932560	.567483
Unrealized gain (loss)	.861084	(.387333)	3.626496	.000000
Contract charges	(.434611)	(.583650)	(.674654)	(.292367)
Ending unit value - Dec. 31	$33.845410	47.312558	54.333269	22.456439
Percentage increase (decrease) in unit value*	9%	5%	10%	1%

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See note 3.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors
Nationwide Life Insurance Company:

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Nationwide Life Insurance Company (a wholly owned subsidiary of Nationwide Corporation) and subsidiaries as listed in the accompanying index. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we also have audited the financial statement schedules as listed in the accompanying index. These consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Participating insurance and the related surplus are discussed in note 12. The Company and its counsel are of the opinion that the ultimate ownership of the participating surplus in excess of the contemplated equitable policyholder dividends belongs to the shareholder. The accompanying consolidated financial statements are presented on such basis.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nationwide Life Insurance Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1995 and 1994, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1995, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

In 1994, the Company adopted the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities.

In 1993, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes and SFAS No. 106, Employers' Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions.

KPMG Peat Marwick LLP

Columbus, Ohio
February 26, 1996

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
(a wholly owned subsidiary of Nationwide Corporation)

Consolidated Balance Sheets
December 31, 1995 and 1994

(000's omitted)

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ASSETS	1995	1994
<S>	<C>	<C>
Investments (notes 5, 8 and 9):		
Securities available-for-sale, at fair value:		
Fixed maturities (cost $13,438,630 in 1995; $8,318,865 in 1994)	$ 14,167,377	8,045,906
Equity securities (cost $27,362 in 1995; $18,372 in 1994)	33,718	24,713
Fixed maturities held-to-maturity, at amortized cost (fair value $3,602,310 in 1994)	-	3,688,787
Mortgage loans on real estate	4,786,599	4,222,284
Real estate	239,089	252,681
Policy loans	370,908	340,491
Other long-term investments	67,280	63,914
Short-term investments (note 13)	45,732	131,643
	19,710,703	16,770,419
Cash	10,485	7,436
Accrued investment income	239,881	220,540
Deferred policy acquisition costs	1,094,195	1,064,159
Deferred Federal income tax	--	36,515
Other assets	795,169	790,603
Assets held in Separate Accounts (note 8)	18,763,678	12,222,461
	$40,614,111	31,112,133
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Future policy benefits and claims (notes 6 and 8)	18,200,128	16,321,461
Policyholders' dividend accumulations	353,554	338,058
Other policyholder funds	71,155	72,770

Accrued Federal income tax (note 7):		
Current	34,064	13,126
Deferred	238,877	-
	272,941	13,126
Other liabilities	284,143	235,778
Liabilities related to Separate Accounts (note 8)	18,763,678	12,222,461
	37,945,599	29,203,654
Shareholder's equity (notes 3, 4, 5, 7, 12 and 13):		
Capital shares, $1 par value. Authorized 5,000 shares, issued and outstanding 3,815 shares	3,815	3,815
Additional paid-in capital	673,782	622,753
Retained earnings	1,606,607	1,401,579
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities available-for-sale, net	384,308	(119,668)
	2,668,512	1,908,479
Commitments and contingencies (notes 9 and 15)		
	$40,614,111	31,112,133

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.
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NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
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Consolidated Statements of Income

Years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993
(000's omitted)

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<S>	1995 <C>	1994 <C>	1993 <C>
Revenues (note 16):			
Traditional life insurance premiums	$ 274,957	209,538	215,715
Accident and health insurance premiums	509,658	324,524	312,655
Universal life and investment product policy charges	307,676	239,021	188,057
Net investment income (note 5)	1,482,980	1,289,501	1,204,426
Realized gains (losses) on investments (notes 5 and 13)	836	(16,384)	113,673
	2,576,107	2,046,200	2,034,526
Benefits and expenses:			
Benefits and claims	1,656,287	1,279,763	1,236,906
Provision for policyholders' dividends on participating policies (note 12)	48,074	46,061	53,189
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	93,044	94,744	102,134
Other operating costs and expenses	458,970	352,402	329,396
	2,256,375	1,772,970	1,721,625
Income before Federal income tax expense and cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles	319,732	273,230	312,901
Federal income tax expense (note 7):			
Current	103,464	79,847	75,124
Deferred	3,790	9,657	31,634
	107,254	89,504	106,758
Income before cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles	212,478	183,726	206,143
Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles, net (note 3)	--	--	5,365
Net income	$ 212,478	183,726	211,508

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NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
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Consolidated Statements of Shareholder's Equity

Years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993
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<S>	Capital shares <C>	Additional paid-in capital <C>	Retained earnings <C>	Unrealized gains (losses) on securities available-for-sale, net <C>	Total shareholder's equity <C>
1993:					
Balance, beginning of year	$ 3,815	311,753	1,024,150	90,524	1,430,242
Capital contributions	--	111,000	--	--	111,000
Dividends paid to shareholder	--	--	(17,805)	--	(17,805)
Net income	--	--	211,508	--	211,508
Unrealized losses on equity securities, net	--	--	--	(83,777)	(83,777)
Balance, end of year	$ 3,815	422,753	1,217,853	6,747	1,651,168
1994:					
Balance, beginning of year	3,815	422,753	1,217,853	6,747	1,651,168
Capital contribution	--	200,000	--	--	200,000
Net income	--	--	183,726	--	183,726
Adjustment for change in accounting for certain investments in debt and equity securities, net (note 3)	--	--	--	216,915	216,915
Unrealized losses on securities available-for-sale, net	--	--	--	(343,330)	(343,330)
Balance, end of year	$ 3,815	622,753	1,401,579	(119,668)	1,908,479
1995:					
Balance, beginning of year	3,815	622,753	1,401,579	(119,668)	1,908,479
Capital contribution (note 13)	--	51,029	--	(4,111)	46,918
Dividends paid to shareholder	--	--	(7,450)	--	(7,450)
Net income	--	--	212,478	--	212,478
Unrealized gains on securities available-for-sale, net	--	--	--	508,087	508,087
Balance, end of year	$ 3,815	673,782	1,606,607	384,308	2,668,512

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NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993
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<S>	1995 <C>	1994 <C>	1993 <C>
Cash flows from operating activities:			

Net income	$ 212,478	183,726	211,508
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Capitalization of deferred policy acquisition costs	(349,456)	(264,434)	(191,994)
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	93,044	94,744	102,134
Amortization and depreciation	10,319	6,207	11,156
Realized losses (gains) on invested assets, net	717	15,949	(113,648)
Deferred Federal income tax expense (benefit)	4,023	(2,166)	(6,006)
Increase in accrued investment income	(19,341)	(29,654)	(4,218)
Increase in other assets	(3,227)	(112,566)	(549,277)
Increase in policy liabilities	198,200	1,038,641	509,370
Increase in policyholders' dividend accumulations	15,496	15,372	17,316
Increase in accrued Federal income tax payable	20,938	832	16,838
Increase in other liabilities	48,365	17,826	26,958
Other, net	(20,556)	(19,303)	(11,745)
Net cash provided by operating activities	211,000	945,174	18,392
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from maturity of securities available-for-sale	706,442	579,067	--
Proceeds from sale of securities available-for-sale	131,420	247,876	247,502
Proceeds from maturity of fixed maturities held-to-maturity	633,173	516,003	1,192,093
Proceeds from sale of fixed maturities	--	--	33,959
Proceeds from repayments of mortgage loans on real estate	215,134	220,744	146,047
Proceeds from sale of real estate	48,477	46,713	23,587
Proceeds from repayments of policy loans and sale of other invested assets	79,620	134,998	59,643
Cost of securities available-for-sale acquired	(2,232,047)	(2,569,672)	(12,550)
Cost of fixed maturities held-to-maturity acquired	(669,449)	(675,835)	(2,016,831)
Cost of mortgage loans on real estate acquired	(821,078)	(627,025)	(475,336)
Cost of real estate acquired	(10,970)	(15,962)	(8,827)
Policy loans issued and other invested assets acquired	(92,904)	(118,012)	(76,491)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,012,182)	(2,261,105)	(887,204)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from capital contributions	46,918	200,000	111,000
Dividends paid to shareholder	(7,450)	--	(17,805)
Increase in universal life and investment product account balances	3,202,135	3,640,958	2,249,740
Decrease in universal life and investment product account balances	(1,523,283)	(2,449,580)	(1,458,504)
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,718,320	1,391,378	884,431
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(82,862)	75,447	15,619
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	139,079	63,632	48,013
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	$ 56,217	139,079	63,632

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.
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NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993

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(1) ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Nationwide Life Insurance Company (NLIC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nationwide Corporation (Corp.). Wholly-owned subsidiaries of NLIC include Nationwide Life and Annuity Insurance Company (NLAIC) (formerly known as Financial Horizons Life Insurance Company), West Coast Life Insurance Company (WCLIC), Employers Life Insurance Company of Wausau and subsidiaries (ELICW), National Casualty Company (NCC) and Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. (NFS). NLIC and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as "the Company."

NLIC, NLAIC, WCLIC and ELICW are life and accident and health insurers and NCC is a property and casualty insurer. The Company is licensed in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The Company offers a full range of life insurance, health insurance and annuity products through exclusive agents, brokers and other distribution channels and is subject to competition from other insurers throughout the United States. The Company is subject to regulation by the Insurance Departments of states in which it is licensed, and undergoes periodic examinations by those departments.

The following is a description of the most significant risks facing life and health insurers and how the Company mitigates those risks:

LEGAL/REGULATORY RISK is the risk that changes in the legal or regulatory environment in which an insurer operates will create additional expenses not anticipated by the insurer in pricing its products. That is, regulatory initiatives designed to reduce insurer profits, new legal theories or insurance company insolvencies through guaranty fund assessments may create costs for the insurer beyond those currently recorded in the consolidated financial statements. The Company mitigates this risk by offering a wide range of products and by operating throughout the United States, thus reducing its exposure to any single product or jurisdiction, and also by employing underwriting practices which identify and minimize the adverse impact of this risk.

CREDIT RISK is the risk that issuers of securities owned by the Company or mortgagors on mortgage loans on real estate owned by the Company will default or that other parties, including reinsurers, which owe the Company money, will not pay. The Company minimizes this risk by adhering to a conservative investment strategy, by maintaining sound reinsurance and credit and collection policies and by providing for any amounts deemed uncollectible.

INTEREST RATE RISK is the risk that interest rates will change and cause a decrease in the value of an insurer's investments. This change in rates may cause certain interest-sensitive products to become uncompetitive or may cause disintermediation. The Company mitigates this risk by charging fees for non-conformance with certain policy provisions, by offering products that transfer this risk to the purchaser, and/or by attempting to match the maturity schedule of its assets with the expected payouts of its liabilities. To the extent that liabilities come due more quickly than assets mature, an insurer would have to borrow funds or sell assets prior to maturity and potentially recognize a gain or loss.

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies followed by the Company that materially affect financial reporting are summarized below. The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) which differ from statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by regulatory authorities. See note 4.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the reporting period. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

The most significant estimates include those used in determining deferred policy acquisition costs, valuation allowances for mortgage loans on real estate and real estate investments and the liability for future policy benefits and claims. Although some variability is inherent in these estimates, management believes the amounts provided are adequate.

(a) CONSOLIDATION POLICY

The December 31, 1995 consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NLIC and its wholly owned subsidiaries NLAIC, WCLIC, ELICW, NCC and NFS. The December 31, 1994 and 1993 consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NLIC, NLAIC, WCLIC, NCC and NFS. The December 31, 1994 consolidated balance sheet also includes the accounts of ELICW, which was acquired by NLIC effective December 31, 1994. See Note 13. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

(b) VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS AND RELATED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Company is required to classify its fixed maturity securities and equity securities as either held-to-maturity, available-for-sale or trading. Fixed maturity securities are classified as held-to-maturity when the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold the securities to maturity and are stated at amortized cost. Fixed maturity securities not classified as held-to-maturity and all equity securities are classified as available-for-sale and are stated at fair value, with the unrealized gains and losses, net of adjustments to deferred policy acquisition costs and deferred Federal income tax, reported as a separate component of shareholder's equity. The adjustment to deferred policy acquisition costs represents the change in amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs that would have been required as a charge or credit to operations had such unrealized amounts been realized. The Company has no fixed maturity securities classified as held-to-maturity or trading as of December 31, 1995.

Mortgage loans on real estate are carried at the unpaid principal balance less valuation allowances. The Company provides valuation allowances for impairments of mortgage loans on real estate based on a review by portfolio managers. The measurement of impaired loans is based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or, as a practical expedient, at the fair value of the collateral, if the loan is collateral dependent. Loans in foreclosure and loans considered to be impaired are placed on non-accrual status. Interest received on non-accrual status mortgage loans on real estate are included in interest income in the period received.

Real estate is carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and valuation allowances. Other long-term investments are carried on the equity basis, adjusted for valuation allowances.

Realized gains and losses on the sale of investments are determined on the basis of specific security identification. Estimates for valuation allowances and other than temporary declines are included in realized gains and losses on investments.

In March, 1995, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NO. 121 - ACCOUNTING FOR THE IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS AND FOR LONG-LIVED ASSETS TO BE DISPOSED OF (SFAS 121). SFAS 121 requires impairment losses to be recorded on long-lived assets used in operations when indicators of impairment are present and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the assets' carrying amount. SFAS 121 also addresses the accounting for long-lived assets that are expected to be disposed of. The statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1995 and earlier application is permitted. Previously issued consolidated financial statements shall not be restated. The Company will adopt SFAS 121 in 1996 and the impact on the consolidated financial statements is not expected to be material.

(c) REVENUES AND BENEFITS

TRADITIONAL LIFE INSURANCE PRODUCTS: Traditional life insurance products include those products with fixed and guaranteed premiums and benefits and consist primarily of whole life, limited-payment life, term life and certain annuities with life contingencies. Premiums for traditional life insurance products are recognized as revenue when due. Benefits and expenses are associated with earned premiums so as to result in recognition of profits over the life of the contract. This association is accomplished by the provision for future policy benefits and the deferral and amortization of policy acquisition costs.

UNIVERSAL LIFE AND INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: Universal life products include universal life, variable universal life and other interest-sensitive life insurance policies. Investment products consist primarily of individual and group deferred annuities, annuities without life contingencies and guaranteed investment contracts. Revenues for universal life and investment products consist of asset fees, cost of insurance, policy administration and surrender charges that have been earned and assessed against policy account balances during the period. Policy benefits and claims that are charged to expense include benefits and claims incurred in the period in excess of related policy account balances and interest credited to policy account balances.

ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE: Accident and health insurance premiums are recognized as revenue over the terms of the policies. Policy claims are charged to expense in the period that the claims are incurred.

(d) DEFERRED POLICY ACQUISITION COSTS

The costs of acquiring new business, principally commissions, certain expenses of the policy issue and underwriting department and certain variable agency expenses have been deferred. For traditional life and individual health insurance products, these deferred policy acquisition costs are predominantly being amortized with interest over the premium paying period of the related policies in proportion to the ratio of actual annual premium revenue to the anticipated total premium revenue. Such anticipated premium revenue was estimated using the same assumptions as were used for computing liabilities for future policy benefits. For universal life and investment products, deferred policy acquisition costs are being amortized with interest over the lives of the policies in relation to the present value of estimated future gross profits from projected interest margins, asset fees, cost of insurance, policy administration and surrender charges. For years in which gross profits are negative, deferred policy acquisition costs are amortized based on the present value of gross revenues. Deferred policy acquisition costs are adjusted to reflect the impact of unrealized gains and losses on fixed maturity securities available-for-sale as described in note 2(b).

(e) SEPARATE ACCOUNTS

Separate Account assets and liabilities represent contractholders' funds which have been segregated into accounts with specific investment objectives. The investment income and gains or losses of these accounts accrue directly to the contractholders. The activity of the Separate Accounts is not reflected in the consolidated statements of income and cash flows except for the fees the Company receives for administrative services and risks assumed.

(f) FUTURE POLICY BENEFITS

Future policy benefits for traditional life and individual health insurance policies have been calculated using a net level premium method based on estimates of mortality, morbidity, investment yields and withdrawals which were used or which were being experienced at the time the policies were issued, rather than the assumptions prescribed by state regulatory authorities. See note 6.

Future policy benefits for annuity policies in the accumulation phase, universal life and variable universal life policies have been calculated based on participants' contributions plus interest credited less applicable contract charges.

Future policy benefits and claims for collectively renewable long-term disability policies (primarily discounted at 5.2%) and group long-term disability policies (primarily discounted at 5.5%) are the present value of amounts not yet due on reported claims and an estimate of amounts to be paid on incurred but unreported claims. The impact of reserve discounting is not material. Future policy benefits and claims on other group health insurance policies are not discounted.

(g) PARTICIPATING BUSINESS

Participating business represents approximately 45% (45% in 1994 and 48% in 1993) of the Company's ordinary life insurance in force, 72% (72% in 1994 and 1993) of the number of policies in force, and 39% (41% in 1994 and 45% in 1993) of life insurance premiums. The provision for policyholder dividends is based on current dividend scales. Future dividends are provided for ratably in future policy benefits based on dividend scales in effect at the time the policies were issued. Dividend scales are approved by the Board of Directors.

Income attributable to participating policies in excess of policyholder dividends is accounted for as belonging to the shareholder. See note 12.

(h) FEDERAL INCOME TAX

NLIC, NLAIC, WCLIC and NCC file a consolidated Federal income tax return with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (NMIC), the majority shareholder of Corp. Through 1994, ELICW filed a consolidated Federal income tax return with Employers Insurance of Wausau A Mutual Company. Beginning in 1995, ELICW files a separate Federal income tax return.

In 1993, the Company adopted STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NO. 109 - ACCOUNTING FOR INCOME TAXES, which required a change from the deferred method of accounting for income tax of APB Opinion 11 to the asset and liability method of accounting for income tax. Under the asset and liability method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Under this method, the effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce the deferred tax assets to the amounts expected to be realized.

The Company has reported the cumulative effect of the change in method of accounting for income tax in the 1993 consolidated statement of income. See note 3.

(i) REINSURANCE CEDED

Reinsurance premiums ceded and reinsurance recoveries on benefits and claims incurred are deducted from the respective income and expense accounts. Assets and liabilities related to reinsurance ceded are reported on a gross basis.

(j) CASH EQUIVALENTS

For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Company considers all short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

(k) RECLASSIFICATION

Certain items in the 1994 and 1993 consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 1995 presentation.

(3) CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

Effective January 1, 1994, the Company changed its method of accounting for certain investments in debt and equity securities in connection with the issuance of STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NO. 115 - ACCOUNTING FOR CERTAIN INVESTMENTS IN DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES. As of January 1, 1994, the Company classified fixed maturity securities with amortized cost and fair value of $6,593,844 and $7,024,736, respectively, as available-for-sale and recorded the securities at fair value. Previously, these securities were recorded at amortized cost. The effect as of January 1, 1994 has been recorded as a direct credit to shareholder's equity as follows:

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Excess of fair value over amortized cost of fixed maturity securities available-for-sale	$ 430,892
Adjustment to deferred policy acquisition costs	(97,177)
Deferred Federal income tax	(116,800)

	$ 216,915
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During 1993, the Company adopted accounting principles in connection with the issuance of two accounting standards by the FASB. The effect as of January 1, 1993, the date of adoption, has been recognized in the 1993 consolidated statement of income as the cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles, as follows:

Asset/liability method of recognizing income tax (note 2(h))	$ 26,344
Accrual method of recognizing postretirement benefits other than pensions (net of tax benefit of $11,296) (note 11)	(20,979)

	$ 5,365

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</TABLE>

(4) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. Annual Statements for NLIC and NLAIC, WCLIC, ELICW and NCC, filed with the Department of Insurance of the State of Ohio (the Department), California Department of Insurance, Wisconsin Insurance Department and Michigan Bureau of Insurance, respectively, are prepared on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by such regulatory authorities. Prescribed statutory accounting practices include a variety of publications of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), as well as state laws, regulations and general administrative rules. Permitted statutory accounting practices encompass all accounting practices not so prescribed. The Company has no material permitted statutory accounting practices.

The statutory capital shares and surplus of NLIC as reported to regulatory authorities as of December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993 was $1,363,031, $1,262,861 and $992,631, respectively. The statutory net income of NLIC as reported to regulatory authorities for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993 was $86,529, $76,532 and $185,943, respectively.

(5) INVESTMENTS

An analysis of investment income by investment type follows for the years ended December 31:

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<S>	1995 <C>	1994 <C>	1993 <C>
Gross investment income:			
Securities available-for-sale:			
Fixed maturities	$ 772,589	674,346	--
Equity securities	1,436	550	7,230
Fixed maturities held-to-maturity	232,692	193,009	800,255
Mortgage loans on real estate	410,965	376,783	364,810
Real estate	39,222	40,280	39,684
Short-term investments	12,249	6,990	5,080
Other	61,701	42,831	33,832
Total investment income	1,530,854	1,334,789	1,250,891
Less investment expenses	47,874	45,288	46,465
Net investment income	$1,482,980	1,289,501	1,204,426

</TABLE>

An analysis of realized gains (losses) on investments, net of valuation allowances, by investment type follows for the years ended December 31:

<TABLE>
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<S>	1995 <C>	1994 <C>	1993 <C>
Securities available-for-sale:			
Fixed maturities	$ 6,792	(7,120)	--
Equity securities	3,435	1,427	129,728
Fixed maturities	--	--	20,225
Mortgage loans on real estate	(7,312)	(20,462)	(28,241)
Real estate and other	(2,079)	9,771	(8,039)
	$ 836	(16,384)	113,673

</TABLE>

The components of unrealized gains (losses) on securities available-for-sale, net, were as follows as of December 31:

<TABLE>

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	1995	1994
Gross unrealized gains (losses)	$ 735,103	(266,618)
Adjustment to deferred policy acquisition costs	(143,851)	82,525
Deferred Federal income tax	(206,944)	64,425
	$ 384,308	(119,668)

</TABLE>

An analysis of the change in gross unrealized gains (losses) on securities available-for-sale and fixed maturities held-to-maturity follows for the years ended December 31:

<TABLE>
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	1995	1994	1993
Securities available-for-sale:			
Fixed maturities	$ 1,001,706	(703,851)	--
Equity securities	15	(1,990)	(128,837)
Fixed maturities held-to-maturity	86,477	(421,427)	223,392
	$ 1,088,198	(1,127,268)	94,555

</TABLE>

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of securities available-for-sale were as follows as of December 31, 1995:

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	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Estimated fair value
Fixed maturities:				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government corporations and agencies	$ 438,109	36,714	(53)	474,770
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	9,742	1,252	(1)	10,993
Debt securities issued by foreign governments	162,442	9,641	(66)	172,017
Corporate securities	8,902,494	524,796	(30,561)	9,396,729
Mortgage-backed securities	3,925,843	196,645	(9,620)	4,112,868
Total fixed maturities	13,438,630	769,048	(40,301)	14,167,377
Equity securities	27,362	6,441	(85)	33,718
	$13,465,992	775,489	(40,386)	14,201,095

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The amortized cost and estimated fair value of securities available-for-sale and fixed maturities held-to-maturity were as follows as of December 31, 1994:

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	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Estimated fair value
SECURITIES AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE				
Fixed maturities:				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government corporations and agencies	$ 393,156	1,794	(18,941)	376,009
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	2,202	55	(21)	2,236
Debt securities issued by foreign governments	177,910	872	(9,205)	169,577
Corporate securities	4,201,738	50,405	(128,698)	4,123,445
Mortgage-backed securities	3,543,859	18,125	(187,345)	3,374,639
Total fixed maturities	8,318,865	71,251	(344,210)	8,045,906
Equity securities	18,372	6,637	(296)	24,713

	$8,337,237	77,888	(344,506)	8,070,619
FIXED MATURITY SECURITIES HELD-TO-MATURITY				
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	$ 11,613	92	(255)	11,450
Debt securities issued by foreign governments	16,131	111	(39)	16,203
Corporate securities	3,661,043	34,180	(120,566)	3,574,657
	$3,688,787	34,383	(120,860)	3,602,310

</TABLE>

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The amortized cost and estimated fair value of fixed maturity securities available-for-sale as of December 31, 1995, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

<TABLE>
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<S>	Amortized cost <C>	Estimated fair value <C>
FIXED MATURITY SECURITIES AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE		
Due in one year or less	$ 641,490	647,639
Due after one year through five years	5,365,703	5,623,126
Due after five years through ten years	2,477,457	2,609,262
Due after ten years	1,028,137	1,174,482
	9,512,787	10,054,509
Mortgage-backed securities	3,925,843	4,112,868
	$13,438,630	14,167,377

</TABLE>

Proceeds from the sale of securities available-for-sale during 1995 and 1994 were $131,420 and $247,876, respectively, while proceeds from sales of investments in fixed maturity securities during 1993 were $33,959. Gross gains of $7,197 ($3,406 in 1994 and $2,413 in 1993) and gross losses of $2,309 ($21,866 in 1994 and $39 in 1993) were realized on those sales.

During 1995, the Company transferred fixed maturity securities classified as held-to-maturity with amortized cost of $27,929 to available-for-sale securities due to evidence of a significant deterioration in the issuer's creditworthiness. The transfer of those fixed maturity securities resulted in a gross unrealized loss of $4,285.

As permitted by the FASB's Special Report, A GUIDE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF STATEMENT 115 ON ACCOUNTING FOR CERTAIN INVESTMENTS IN DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES, issued in November, 1995, the Company transferred all of its fixed maturity securities previously classified as held-to-maturity to available-for-sale. As of December 14, 1995, the date of transfer, the fixed maturity securities had amortized cost of $3,705,644, resulting in a gross unrealized gain of $171,531.

Investments that were non-income producing for the twelve month period preceding December 31, 1995 amounted to $28,958 ($11,513 for 1994) and consisted of $8,228 (none in 1994) in fixed maturity securities, $14,740 ($11,111 in 1994) in real estate and $5,990 ($402 in 1994) in other long-term investments.

Real estate is presented at cost less accumulated depreciation of $30,931 in 1995 ($29,275 in 1994) and valuation allowances of $26,250 in 1995 ($27,330 in 1994).

Other long-term investments are presented net of valuation allowances of $457 as of December 31, 1995. There were no such valuation allowances as of December 31, 1994.

As of December 31, 1995, the recorded investment of mortgage loans on real estate considered to be impaired (under STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NO. 114, ACCOUNTING BY CREDITORS FOR IMPAIRMENT OF A LOAN as amended by STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NO. 118, ACCOUNTING BY CREDITORS FOR IMPAIRMENT OF A LOAN - INCOME RECOGNITION AND DISCLOSURE) was $44,995, which includes $23,975 of impaired mortgage loans on real estate for which the related valuation allowance was $5,276 and $21,020 of impaired mortgage loans on real estate for which there was no valuation allowance. During 1995, the average recorded investment in impaired mortgage loans on real estate was approximately $22,621 and interest income recognized on those loans was $416, which is equal to interest income recognized using a cash-basis method of income recognition.

Activity in the valuation allowance account for mortgage loans on real estate is summarized for the year ended December 31, 1995:

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<S>	1995 <C>
Allowance, beginning year	$ 47,892
Additions charged to operations	7,653
Direct write-downs charged against the allowance	(4,850)
Allowance, end of year	$ 50,695

</TABLE>

Foresclosures of mortgage loans on real estate were $37,187 in 1994 and mortgage loans on real estate in process of foreclosure or in-substance foreclosed as of December 31, 1994 totaled $19,878, which approximated fair value.

Fixed maturity securities with an amortized cost of $13,982 and $11,137 as of December 31, 1995 and 1994, respectively, were on deposit with various regulatory agencies as required by law.

(6) FUTURE POLICY BENEFITS AND CLAIMS

The liability for future policy benefits for investment contracts represents approximately 82% and 81% of the total liability for future policy benefits as of December 31, 1995 and 1994, respectively. The average interest rate credited on investment product policies was approximately 6.5%, 6.5% and 7.0% for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993, respectively.

The liability for future policy benefits for traditional life insurance and individual health insurance policies has been established based upon the following assumptions:

INTEREST RATES: Interest rates vary as follows:

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Year of issue <S>	Life Insurance <C>	Health insurance <C>
1995	7.6%, not graded - permanent contracts with loan provisions	4.5%
	7.7%, not graded - all other contracts	
1984-1994	6.0% to 10.5%, not graded	5.0% to 6.0%
1966-1983	6.0% to 8.1%, graded over 20 years to 4.0% to 6.6%	3.5% to 6.0%
1965 and prior	generally lower than post 1965 issues	3.5% to 4.0%

</TABLE>

WITHDRAWALS: Rates, which vary by issue age, type of coverage and policy duration, are based on Company experience.

MORTALITY: Mortality and morbidity rates are based on published tables, modified for the Company's actual experience.

Activity in the liability for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses is summarized for the years ended December 31:

	1995	1994	1993
Balance, beginning of year	$ 637,998	592,180	760,209
Less reinsurance recoverables	438,761	430,720	547,683
Net balance, beginning of year	199,237	161,460	212,526
Incurred related to:			
Current year	425,907	273,299	309,721
Prior years	(17,203)	(26,156)	(26,248)
Total incurred	408,704	247,143	283,473
Paid related to:			
Current year	290,605	175,700	208,978
Prior years	111,353	73,889	125,561
Total paid	401,958	249,589	334,539
Unpaid claims of acquired companies	2,542	40,223	--
Net balance, end of year	208,525	199,237	161,460
Plus reinsurance recoverables	491,321	438,761	430,720
Balance, end of year	$ 699,846	637,998	592,180

Reinsurance recoverables include amounts from affiliates, as discussed in note 13, of $477,912, $430,936, $430,278 and $534,983 as of December 31, 1995, 1994, 1993 and 1992, respectively.

The provision for claims and claim adjustment expenses for prior years decreased in each of the three years ended December 31, 1995 due to lower-than-anticipated costs to settle accident and health insurance claims.

(7) FEDERAL INCOME TAX

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant components of the net deferred tax asset (liability) as of December 31, 1995 and 1994 are as follows:

	1995	1994
Deferred tax assets:		
Future policy benefits	$ 179,916	124,044
Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale	--	95,536
Liabilities in Separate Accounts	129,120	94,783
Mortgage loans on real estate and real estate	26,062	25,632
Other policyholder funds	7,752	7,137
Other assets and other liabilities	47,215	57,528
Total gross deferred tax assets	390,065	404,660
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Deferred policy acquisition costs	312,616	317,224
Fixed maturity securities available-for-sale	266,184	--
Equity securities available-for-sale and other long-term investments	3,431	3,620
Other	46,711	47,301
Total gross deferred tax liabilities	628,942	368,145
	$(238,877)	36,515

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The Company has determined that valuation allowances are not necessary as of December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993 based on its analysis of future deductible amounts. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion of the total gross deferred tax assets will not be realized. All future deductible amounts can be offset by future taxable amounts or recovery of Federal income tax paid within the statutory carryback period. In addition, for future deductible amounts for securities available-for-sale, affiliates of the Company which are included in the same consolidated Federal income tax return hold investments that could be sold for capital gains that could offset capital losses realized by the Company should securities available-for-sale be sold at a loss.

<TABLE>

Total Federal income tax expense for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993 differs from the amount computed by applying the U.S. Federal income tax rate to income before tax as follows:

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	1995		1994		1993	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Computed (expected) tax expense	$ 111,906	35.0	$ 95,631	35.0	$ 109,515	35.0
Tax exempt interest and dividends received deduction	(137)	(0.1)	(194)	(0.1)	(2,322)	(0.7)
Current year increase in U.S. Federal income tax rate	--	--	--	--	1,704	0.5
Other, net	(4,515)	(1.4)	(5,933)	(2.1)	(2,139)	(0.7)
Total (effective rate of each year)	$ 107,254	33.5	$ 89,504	32.8	$ 106,758	34.1

</TABLE>

Total Federal income tax paid was $75,309, $87,576 and $58,286 during the years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993, respectively.

Prior to 1984, the Life Insurance Company Income Tax Act of 1959 as amended by the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 (DRA), permitted the deferral from taxation of a portion of statutory income under certain circumstances. In these situations, the deferred income was accumulated in the Policyholders' Surplus Account (PSA). Management considers the likelihood of distributions from the PSA to be remote; therefore, no Federal income tax has been provided for such distributions in the consolidated financial statements. The DRA eliminated any additional deferrals to the PSA. Any distributions from the PSA, however, will continue to be taxable at the then current tax rate. The balance of the PSA was approximately $35,344 as of December 31, 1995.

(8) DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NO. 107 - DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (SFAS 107) requires disclosure of fair value information about existing on and off-balance sheet financial instruments. SFAS 107 defines the fair value of a financial instrument as the amount at which the financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. In cases where quoted market prices are not available, fair value is based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques.

These techniques are significantly affected by the assumptions used, including the discount rate and estimates of future cash flows. Although fair value estimates are calculated using assumptions that management believes are appropriate, changes in assumptions could cause these estimates to vary materially. In that regard, the derived fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent markets and,in many cases, could not be realized in the immediate settlement of the instruments. SFAS 107 excludes certain assets and liabilities from its disclosure requirements. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amounts presented do not represent the underlying value of the Company.

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Although insurance contracts, other than policies such as annuities that are classified as investment contracts, are specifically exempted from SFAS 107 disclosures, estimated fair value of policy reserves on life insurance contracts are provided to make the fair value disclosures more meaningful.

The tax ramifications of the related unrealized gains and losses can have a significant effect on fair value estimates and have not been considered in the estimates.

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating its fair value disclosures:

CASH, SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS AND POLICY LOANS: The carrying amount reported in the consolidated balance sheets for these instruments approximates their fair value.

FIXED MATURITY AND EQUITY SECURITIES: Fair value for fixed maturity securities is based on quoted market prices, where available. For fixed maturity securities not actively traded, fair value is estimated using values obtained from independent pricing services or, in the case of private placements, is estimated by discounting expected future cash flows using a current market rate applicable to the yield, credit quality and maturity of the investments. The fair value for equity securities is based on quoted market prices.

SEPARATE ACCOUNT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES: The fair value of assets held in Separate Accounts is based on quoted market prices. The fair value of liabilities related to Separate Accounts is the amount payable on demand.

MORTGAGE LOANS ON REAL ESTATE: The fair value for mortgage loans on real estate is estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered for similar loans to borrowers with similar credit ratings. Loans with similar characteristics are aggregated for purposes of the calculations. Fair value for mortgages in default is the estimated fair value of the underlying collateral.

INVESTMENT CONTRACTS: Fair value for the Company's liabilities under investment type contracts is disclosed using two methods. For investment contracts without defined maturities, fair value is the amount payable on demand. For investment contracts with known or determined maturities, fair value is estimated using discounted cash flow analysis. Interest rates used are similar to currently offered contracts with maturities consistent with those remaining for the contracts being valued.

POLICY RESERVES ON LIFE INSURANCE CONTRACTS: Included are disclosures for individual life, universal life and supplementary contracts with life contingencies for which the estimated fair value is the amount payable on demand. Also included are disclosures for the Company's limited payment policies, which the Company has used discounted cash flow analyses similar to those used for investment contracts with known maturities to estimate fair value.

POLICYHOLDERS' DIVIDEND ACCUMULATIONS AND OTHER POLICYHOLDER FUNDS: The carrying amount reported in the consolidated balance sheets for these instruments approximates their fair value.

Carrying amount and estimated fair value of financial instruments subject to SFAS 107 and policy reserves on life insurance contracts were as follow as of December 31, 1995 and 1994:

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	1995	1994

	Carrying amount	Estimated fair value	Carrying amount	Estimated fair value
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
ASSETS				
Investments:				
Securities available-for-sale:				
Fixed maturities	$14,167,377	14,167,377	8,045,906	8,045,906
Equity securities	33,718	33,718	24,713	24,713
Fixed maturities held-to-maturity	--	--	3,688,787	3,602,310
Mortgage loans on real estate	4,786,599	5,169,805	4,222,284	4,173,284
Policy loans	370,908	370,908	340,491	340,491
Short-term investments	45,732	45,732	131,643	131,643
Cash	10,485	10,485	7,436	7,436
Assets held in Separate Accounts	18,763,678	18,763,678	12,222,461	12,222,461
LIABILITIES				
Investment contracts	13,561,943	13,221,724	12,189,894	11,657,556
Policy reserves on life insurance contacts	3,695,814	3,659,074	3,170,085	2,934,384
Policyholders' dividend accumulations	353,554	353,554	338,058	338,058
Other policyholder funds	71,155	71,155	72,770	72,770
Liabilities related to Separate Accounts	18,763,678	18,224,933	12,222,461	11,807,331

</TABLE>

(9) ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DISCLOSURES

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK: The Company is a party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business through management of its investment portfolio. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit in the form of loans. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk in excess of amounts recognized on the consolidated balance sheets.

Commitments to fund fixed rate mortgage loans on real estate are agreements to lend to a borrower, and are subject to conditions established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a deposit. Commitments extended by the Company are based on management's case-by-case credit evaluation of the borrower and the borrower's loan collateral. The underlying mortgage property represents the collateral if the commitment is funded. The Company's policy for new mortgage loans on real estate is to lend no more than 80% of collateral value. Should the commitment be funded, the Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the borrower is represented by the contractual amounts of these commitments less the net realizable value of the collateral. The contractual amounts also represent the cash requirements for all unfunded commitments. Commitments on mortgage loans on real estate of $361,974 extending into 1996 were outstanding as of December 31, 1995.

SIGNIFICANT CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK: The Company grants mainly commercial mortgage loans on real estate to customers throughout the United States. The Company has a diversified portfolio with no more than 20% (22% in 1994) in any geographic area and no more than 2% (2% in 1994) with any one borrower.

The summary below depicts loans by remaining principal balance as of December 31, 1995 and 1994:

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	Office	Warehouse	Retail	Apartment & other	Total
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
1995:					
East North Central	$ 140,732	110,361	534,814	184,201	970,108
East South Central	23,978	15,653	183,790	84,588	308,009
Mountain	--	18,940	144,156	48,727	211,823
Middle Atlantic	124,079	72,201	183,562	18,383	398,225
New England	9,594	39,526	153,644	1	202,765
Pacific	190,628	239,687	395,914	107,650	933,879
South Atlantic	101,904	74,731	458,355	279,692	914,682

West North Central	134,866	14,205	81,521	37,586	268,178
West South Central	69,143	99,618	194,717	272,323	635,801
	$ 794,924	684,922	2,330,473	1,033,151	4,843,470
Less valuation allowances and unamortized discount					56,871
Total mortgage loans on real estate, net					$4,786,599

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<S>	Office <C>	Warehouse <C>	Retail <C>	Apartment & other <C>	Total <C>
1994:					
East North Central	$ 109,233	103,499	540,686	191,489	944,907
East South Central	24,298	10,803	127,845	76,897	239,843
Mountain	3,150	13,770	140,358	39,682	196,960
Middle Atlantic	61,299	53,285	140,847	30,111	285,542
New England	10,536	43,282	139,131	4	192,953
Pacific	195,393	210,930	397,911	68,768	873,002
South Atlantic	87,150	81,576	424,150	210,354	803,230
West North Central	127,760	11,766	80,854	4,738	225,118
West South Central	51,013	84,796	184,923	194,788	515,520
	$ 669,832	613,707	2,176,705	816,831	4,277,075
Less valuation allowances and unamortized discount					54,791
Total mortgage loans on real estate, net					$4,222,284

</TABLE>

(10) PENSION PLAN

The Company is a participant, together with other affiliated companies, in a pension plan covering all employees who have completed at least one thousand hours of service within a twelve-month period and who have met certain age requirements. Benefits are based upon the highest average annual salary of a specified number of consecutive years of the last ten years of service. The Company funds pension costs accrued for direct employees plus an allocation of pension costs accrued for employees of affiliates whose work efforts benefit the Company.

Effective January 1, 1995, the plan was amended to provide enhanced benefits for participants who met certain eligibility requirements and elected early retirement no later than March 15, 1995. The entire cost of the enhanced benefit was borne by NMIC and certain of its property and casualty insurance company affiliates.

Effective December 31, 1995, the Nationwide Insurance Companies and Affiliates Retirement Plan was merged with the Farmland Mutual Insurance Company Employees' Retirement Plan and the Wausau Insurance Companies Pension Plan to form the Nationwide Insurance Enterprise Retirement Plan. Immediately prior to the merger, the plans were amended to provide consistent benefits for service after January 1, 1996. These amendments had no significant impact on the accumulated benefit obligation or projected benefit obligation as of December 31, 1995.

Pension costs charged to operations by the Company during the years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993 were $14,105, $10,451 and $6,702, respectively.

The Company's net accrued pension expense as of December 31, 1995 and 1994 was $1,376 and $1,836, respectively.

The net periodic pension cost for the Nationwide Insurance Companies and Affiliates Retirement Plan as a whole for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993 follows:

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	1995	1994	1993
Service cost (benefits earned during the period)	$ 64,524	64,740	47,694
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	95,283	73,951	70,543
Actual return on plan assets	(249,294)	(21,495)	(105,002)
Net amortization and deferral	143,353	(62,150)	20,832
	$ 53,866	55,046	34,067

</TABLE>

Basis for measurements, net periodic pension cost:

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	1995	1994	1993
Weighted average discount rate	7.50%	5.75%	6.75%
Rate of increase in future compensation levels	6.25%	4.50%	4.75%
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	8.75%	7.00%	7.50%

</TABLE>

Information regarding the funded status of the Nationwide Insurance Enterprise Retirement Plan as a whole as of December 31, 1995 (post-merger) and the Nationwide Insurance Companies and Affiliates Retirement Plan as of December 31, 1995 (pre-merger) and 1994 follows:

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	Post-merger 1995	Pre-merger 1995	1994
Accumulated benefit obligation:			
Vested	$ 1,236,730	1,002,079	914,850
Nonvested	26,503	8,998	7,570
	$ 1,263,233	1,011,077	922,420
Net accrued pension expense:			
Projected benefit obligation for services rendered to date	$ 1,780,616	1,447,522	1,305,547
Plan assets at fair value	1,738,004	1,508,781	1,241,771
Plan assets (less than) in excess of projected benefit obligation	(42,612)	61,259	(63,776)
Unrecognized prior service cost	42,845	42,850	46,201
Unrecognized net (gains) losses	(63,130)	(86,195)	39,408
Unrecognized net obligation (asset) at transition	41,305	(19,841)	(21,994)
	$ (21,592)	(1,927)	(161)

</TABLE>

Basis for measurements, funded status of plan:

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	Post-merger 1995	Pre-merger 1995	1994
Weighed average discount rate	6.00%	6.00%	7.50%
Rate of increase in future compensation levels	4.25%	4.25%	6.25%

</TABLE>

Assets of the Nationwide Insurance Enterprise Retirement Plan are invested in group annuity contracts of NLIC and ELICW. Prior to the merger, the assets of the Nationwide Insurance Companies and Affiliates Retirement Plan were invested in a group annuity contract of NLIC.

(11) POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

In addition to the defined benefit pension plan, the Company, together with other affiliated companies, participates in life and health care defined benefit plans for qualifying retirees. Postretirement life and health care benefits are contributory and generally available to full time employees who have attained age 55 and have accumulated 15 years of service with the Company after reaching age 40. Postretirement health care benefit contributions are adjusted annually and contain cost-sharing features such as deductibles and coinsurance. In addition, there are caps on the Company's portion of the per-participant cost of the postretirement health care benefits. These caps can increase annually, but not more than three percent. The Company's policy is to fund the cost of health care benefits in amounts determined at the discretion of management. Plan assets are invested primarily in group annuity contracts of NLIC.

Effective January 1, 1993, the Company adopted the provisions of STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NO. 106 - EMPLOYERS' ACCOUNTING FOR POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (SFAS 106), which requires the accrual method of accounting for postretirement life and health care insurance benefits based on actuarially determined costs to be recognized over the period from the date of hire to the full eligibility date of employees who are expected to qualify for such benefits.

The Company elected to immediately recognize its estimated accumulated postretirement benefit obligation as of January 1, 1993. Accordingly, a noncash charge of $32,275 ($20,979 net of related income tax benefit) was recorded in the 1993 consolidated statement of income as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle. See note 3. The adoption of SFAS 106, including the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle, increased the expense for postretirement benefits by $35,277 to $36,544 in 1993. Certain affiliated companies elected to amortize their initial transition obligation over periods ranging from 10 to 20 years.

The Company's accrued postretirement benefit expense as of December 31, 1995 and 1994 was $51,490 and $36,001, respectively, and the net periodic postretirement benefit cost (NPPBC) for 1995 and 1994 was $8,269 and $4,627, respectively.

The amount of NPPBC for the plan as a whole for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993 was as follows:

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<S>	1995 <C>	1994 <C>	1993 <C>
Service cost - benefits attributed to employee service during the year	$ 6,235	8,586	7,090
Interest cost on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	14,151	14,011	13,928
Actual return on plan assets	(2,657)	(1,622)	--
Amortization of unrecognized transition obligation of affiliates	2,966	568	568
Net amortization and deferral	(1,619)	1,622	--
	$ 19,076	23,165	21,586

</TABLE>

Information regarding the funded status of the plan as a whole as of December 31, 1995 and 1994 follows:

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<S>	1995 <C>	1994 <C>
Accrued postretirement benefit expense:		
Retirees	$ 88,680	76,677
Fully eligible, active plan participants	28,793	22,013
Other active plan participants	90,375	59,089
Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation (APBO)	207,848	157,779

Plan assets at fair value	54,325	49,012
Plan assets less than accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	(153,523)	(108,767)
Unrecognized transition obligation of affiliates	1,827	6,577
Unrecognized net gains	(1,038)	(41,497)
	$(152,734)	(143,687)

</TABLE>

Actuarial assumptions used for the measurement of the APBO as of December 31, 1995 and 1994 and the NPPBC for 1995, 1994 and 1993 were as follows:

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	1995 APBO	1995 NPPBC	1994 APBO	1994 NPPBC	1993 NPPBC
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Discount rate	6.75%	8%	8%	7%	8%
Assumed health care cost trend rate:					
Initial rate	11%	10%	11%	12%	14%
Ultimate rate	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Uniform declining period	12 Years	12 Years	12 Years	12 Years	12 Years

</TABLE>

The health care cost trend rate assumption has an effect on the amounts reported. For the plan as a whole, a one percentage point increase in the assumed health care cost trend rate would increase the APBO as of December 31, 1995 by $641 and the NPPBC for the year ended December 31, 1995 by $107.

(12) REGULATORY RISK-BASED CAPITAL, RETAINED EARNINGS AND DIVIDEND RESTRICTIONS

Each insurance company's state of domicile imposes minimum risk-based capital requirements that were developed by the NAIC. The formulas for determining the amount of risk-based capital specify various weighting factors that are applied to financial balances or various levels of activity based on the perceived degree of risk. Regulatory compliance is determined by a ratio of the company's regulatory total adjusted capital, as defined by the NAIC, to its authorized control level risk-based capital, as defined by the NAIC. Companies below specific trigger points or ratios are classified within certain levels, each of which requires specified corrective action. NLIC and each of its insurance subsidiaries exceed the minimum risk-based capital requirements.

In accordance with the requirements of the New York statutes, the Company has agreed with the Superintendent of Insurance of that state that so long as participating policies and contracts are held by residents of New York, no profits on participating policies and contracts in excess of the larger of (a) ten percent of such profits or (b) fifty cents per year per thousand dollars of participating life insurance in force, exclusive of group term, as of the year-end shall inure to the benefit of the shareholder. Such New York statutes further provide that so long as such agreement is in effect, such excess of profits shall be exhibited as "participating policyholders' surplus" in annual statements filed with the Superintendent and shall be used only for the payment or apportionment of dividends to participating policyholders at least to the extent required by statute or for the purpose of making up any loss on participating policies.

In the opinion of counsel for the Company, the ultimate ownership of the entire surplus, however classified, of the Company resides with the shareholder, subject to the usual requirements under state laws and regulations that certain deposits, reserves and minimum surplus be maintained for the protection of the policyholders until all policy contracts are discharged.

Based on the opinion of counsel with respect to the ownership of its surplus, the Company is of the opinion that the earnings attributable to participating policies in excess of the amounts paid as dividends to policyholders belong to the shareholder rather than the policyholders, and such earnings are so treated by the Company.

The amount of shareholder's equity other than capital shares was $2,664,697, $1,904,664 and $1,647,353 as of December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993, respectively. The amount thereof not presently available for dividends to the shareholder due to the New York restrictions was $1,503,241, $929,934 and $954,037 as of December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993, respectively.

Ohio law limits the payment of dividends to shareholders. The maximum dividend that may be paid by the Company without prior approval of the Director of the Department is limited to the greater of statutory gain from operations of the preceding calendar year or 10% of statutory shareholder's surplus as of the prior December 31. Therefore, $2,468,687 of shareholder's equity, as presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements, is so restricted as to dividend payments in 1996.

Each of NLIC's insurance company subsidiaries are limited in their payment of dividends by the state insurance department of their respective state of domicile. As of December 31, 1995, the maximum amount of shareholder's equity available for dividend payment to NLIC in 1996 by its insurance company subsidiaries without prior approval are:

Nationwide Life and Annuity Insurance Company	$10,143
West Coast Life Insurance Company	13,153
Employers Life Insurance Company of Wausau	10,132
National Casualty Company	--
	$33,428

(13) TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

On March 1, 1995, Corp. contributed all of the outstanding shares of Farmland Life Insurance Company (Farmland) to NLIC, which then merged Farmland into WCLIC effective June 30, 1995. The contribution resulted in a direct increase to consolidated shareholder's equity of $46,918. The contribution of Farmland has been accounted for in a manner similar to a pooling of interests and accordingly, Farmland's results are included in the consolidated statements of income beginning January 1, 1995. However, prior period consolidated financial statements have not been restated due to the impact of Farmland being immaterial.

Effective December 31, 1994, NLIC purchased all of the outstanding shares of ELICW from Wausau Service Corporation (WSC) for $155,000. NLIC transferred fixed maturity securities and cash with a fair value of $155,000 to WSC on December 28, 1994, which resulted in a realized loss of $19,239 on the disposition of the securities. The purchase price approximated both the historical cost basis and fair value of net assets of ELICW. ELICW has and will continue to share home office, other facilities, equipment and common management and administrative services with WSC.

Certain annuity products are sold through three affiliated companies which are also subsidiaries of Corp. Total commissions and fees paid to these affiliates for the three years ended December 31, 1995 were $57,969, $50,470 and $44,577, respectively.

The Company shares home office, other facilities, equipment and common management and administrative services with affiliates.

The Company participates in intercompany repurchase agreements with affiliates whereby the seller will transfer securities to the buyer at a stated value. Upon demand or a stated period, the securities will be repurchased by the seller at the original sales price plus a price differential. Transactions under the agreements during 1995 and 1994 were not material.

During 1993, the Company sold equity securities with a market value $194,515 to NMIC, resulting in a realized gain of $122,823. With the proceeds, the Company purchased securities with a market value of $194,139 and cash of $376 from NMIC.

Intercompany reinsurance contracts exist between NLIC and NMIC, NLIC and WCLIC, NLIC and NCC, WCLIC and NMIC and WCLIC and ELICW as of December 31, 1995. These contracts are immaterial to the consolidated financial statements.

NCC participates in several 100% quota share reinsurance agreements with NMIC and Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the minority shareholder of Corp. As a result of these agreements, the following assets and (liabilities) are included in the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 1995 and 1994 for reinsurance ceded:

	1995	1994
Reinsurance recoverable	$ 590,379	541,289
Unearned premium reserves	(112,467)	(110,353)
Liability for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expense	(477,912)	(430,936)

The ceding of reinsurance does not discharge the original insurer from primary liability to its policyholder. The insurer which assumes the coverage assumes the related liability and it is the practice of insurers to treat insured risks, to the extent of reinsurance ceded, as though they were risks for which the original insurer is not liable. Management believes the financial strength of NMIC reduces to an acceptable level any risk to NCC under these intercompany reinsurance agreements.

ELICW assumes certain accident and health insurance business from Employers Insurance of Wausau A Mutual Company, an affiliate. During 1995, total premiums assumed by ELICW under the reinsurance agreement were $150,622.

The Company and various affiliates entered into agreements with Nationwide Cash Management Company (NCMC) and California Cash Management Company (CCMC), both affiliates, under which NCMC and CCMC act as common agents in handling the purchase and sale of short-term securities for the respective accounts of the participants. Amounts on deposit with NCMC and CCMC were $21,644 and $92,531 as of December 31, 1995 and 1994, respectively, and are included in short-term investments on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

(14) BANK LINES OF CREDIT

As of December 31, 1995 and 1994, NLIC had $120,000 of confirmed but unused bank lines of credit which support a $100,000 commercial paper borrowing authorization.

(15) CONTINGENCIES

The Company is a defendant in various lawsuits. In the opinion of management, the effects, if any, of such lawsuits are not expected to be material to the Company's financial position or results of operations.

(16) SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company operates in the long-term savings, life insurance and accident and health insurance lines of business in the life insurance and property and casualty insurance industries. Long-term savings operations include both qualified and non-qualified annuity contracts issued to both individuals and groups. Life insurance operations include whole life, universal life, variable universal life and endowment and term life insurance issued to individuals and groups. Accident and health insurance operations also provide coverage to individuals and groups. Corporate primarily includes investments, and the related investment income, which are not specifically allocated to one of the three operating segments. In addition, realized gains and losses on all general account investments are reported as a component of the corporate segment.

During 1995, the Company changed its reporting segments to better reflect the way the businesses are managed. Prior periods have been restated to reflect these changes.

The following table summarizes the revenues and income (loss) before Federal income tax expense and cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993 and assets as of December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993, by business segment.

	1995	1994	1993
Revenues:			
Long-term savings	$ 1,406,241	1,125,013	1,048,045
Life insurance	502,885	452,795	432,343
Accident and health insurance	532,383	345,545	339,764
Corporate	134,598	122,847	214,374
	$ 2,576,107	2,046,200	2,034,526
Income (loss) before Federal income tax expense and cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles:			
Long-term savings	129,475	95,530	47,966
Life insurance	63,169	46,119	36,383
Accident and health insurance	(12,521)	13,221	15,041
Corporate	139,609	118,360	213,511
	$ 319,732	273,230	312,901
Assets:			
Long-term savings	34,634,892	25,815,273	20,695,598
Life insurance	3,675,581	3,231,651	2,897,574
Accident and health insurance	307,643	291,296	297,200
Corporate	1,995,995	1,773,913	1,515,989
	$ 40,614,111	31,112,133	25,406,361

Schedule I

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
Summary of Investments - Other Than Investments in Related Parties
December 31, 1995
(000's omitted)

	Column B	Column C	Column D
	Cost	Market value	Amount at which shown in the consolidated balance sheet
Fixed maturities available-for-sale:			
Bonds and notes:			
U.S. Government and government agencies and authorities	$ 3,913,961	4,116,744	4,116,744
States, municipalities and political subdivisions	9,742	10,993	10,993
Foreign governments	162,442	172,016	172,016
Public utilities	2,053,701	2,146,000	2,146,000
All other corporate	7,298,784	7,721,624	7,721,624
Total fixed maturities available-for-sale	13,438,630	14,167,377	14,167,377
Equity securities available-for-sale:			
Common stocks:			
Industrial, miscellaneous and all other	26,037	32,474	32,474
Non-redeemable preferred stock	1,325	1,244	1,244
Total equity securities available-for-sale	27,362	33,718	33,718

Mortgage loans on real estate	4,838,432	4,786,599*
Real estate:		
Investment properties	213,340	171,739*
Acquired in satisfaction of debt	82,930	67,350*
Policy loans	370,908	370,908
Other long-term investments	73,190	67,280#
Short-term investments	45,732	45,732
Total investments	$19,090,524	19,710,703

</TABLE>

* Difference from Column B is primarily due to accumulated depreciation and valuation allowances due to impairments on real estate and valuation allowances due to impairments on mortgage loans on real estate. See Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and note 5 to the consolidated financial statements.

\# Difference from Column B is primarily due to operating losses of investments in limited partnerships.

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

Schedule III

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
Supplementary Insurance Information
December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993
(000's omitted)

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Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
Segment	Deferred policy acquisition costs	Future policy benefits, losses, claims and loss expenses	Unearned premiums (1)	Other policy claims and benefits payable (2)	Premium revenue
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
1995: Long-term savings	$ 668,784	14,847,449		455	-
Life insurance	416,209	2,494,344		408,990	274,957
Accident and health insurance	9,202	858,335		15,264	509,658
Corporate	-	-		-	-
Total	$1,094,195	18,200,128		424,709	784,615
1994: Long-term savings	663,696	13,300,015		240	-
Life insurance	387,486	2,245,375		397,174	209,538
Accident and health insurance	12,977	776,071		13,414	324,524
Corporate	-	-		-	-
Total	$1,064,159	16,321,461		410,828	534,062
1993: Long-term savings	506,243	11,308,024		1,262	-
Life insurance	291,683	2,047,844		378,788	215,715
Accident and health insurance	14,018	736,387		14,595	312,655
Corporate	-	-		-	-
Total	$ 811,944	14,092,255		394,645	528,370

Column A	Column G	Column H	Column I	Column J	Column K
Segment	Net investment income (3)	Benefits, claims, losses and settlement expenses	Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	Other operating expenses (3)	Premiums written

1995: Long-term savings	$1,124,207	1,009,632	51,998	210,525	
Life insurance	202,285	267,123	34,124	94,461	
Accident and health insurance	22,725	379,532	6,922	153,984	473,513
Corporate	133,763	-	-	-	
Total	$1,482,980	1,656,287	93,044	458,970	
1994: Long-term savings	945,318	807,756	56,236	171,038	
Life insurance	183,933	237,125	33,394	90,535	
Accident and health insurance	21,020	234,882	5,114	90,829	315,688
Corporate	139,230	-	-	-	
Total	$1,289,501	1,279,763	94,744	352,402	
1993: Long-term savings	897,639	800,385	43,291	157,046	
Life insurance	178,978	227,786	35,220	89,496	
Accident and health insurance	27,108	208,735	23,623	82,854	263,117
Corporate	100,701	-	-	-	
Total	$1,204,426	1,236,906	102,134	329,396	

<FN>
(1) Unearned premiums are included in Column C amounts.
(2) Column E agrees to the sum of the consolidated balance sheet captions, "Policyholders' dividend accumulations" and "Other policyholder funds".
(3) Allocations of net investment income and certain general expenses are based on a number of assumptions and estimates, and reported operating results would change by segment if different methods were applied.
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See accompanying independent auditors' report.

Schedule IV

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
Reinsurance
Years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993
(000's omitted)

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	Gross amount	Ceded to other companies	Assumed from other companies	Net amount	Percentage of amount assumed to net
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1995:					
Life insurance in force	$51,613,116	6,865,011	742,451	45,490,556	1.6%
Premiums:					
Life insurance	281,687	12,817	6,087	274,957	2.2%
Accident and health insurance	427,943	73,131	154,846	509,658	30.4%
Total	$ 709,630	85,948	160,933	784,615	20.5%
1994:					
Life insurance in force	$46,262,595	5,289,259	819,799	41,793,135	2.0%
Premiums:					
Life insurance	209,918	7,551	7,171	209,538	3.4%
Accident and health insurance	389,573	69,095	4,046	324,524	1.2%
Total	$ 599,491	76,646	11,217	534,062	2.1%
1993:					
Life insurance in force	$39,417,116	4,352,071	180,739	35,245,784	0.5%
Premiums:					
Life insurance	218,764	6,161	3,112	215,715	1.4%
Accident and health insurance	398,289	88,506	2,872	312,655	0.9%

Total	$ 617,053	94,667	5,984	528,370	1.1%

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Schedule V

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
Valuation and Qualifying Accounts
Years ended December 31, 1995, 1994 and 1993
(000's omitted)

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Column A	Column B	Column C		Column D	Column E
Description	Balance at beginning of period	Charged to costs and expenses	Charged to other accounts	Deductions (1)	Balance at end of period
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1995:					
Valuation allowances - fixed maturity securities	$ -	10,153	-	10,153	-
Valuation allowances - mortgage loans on real estate	47,892	7,653	-	4,850	50,695
Valuation allowances - real estate	27,330	(1,080)	-	-	26,250
Valuation allowances - other long-term investments	-	457	-	-	457
1994:					
Valuation allowances - fixed maturity securities	6,680	(6,680)	-	-	-
Valuation allowances - mortgage loans on real estate	42,350	21,672	-	16,130	47,892
Valuation allowances - real estate	31,357	(4,027)	-	-	27,330
1993:					
Valuation allowances - fixed maturity securities	5,746	934	-	-	6,680
Valuation allowances - mortgage loans on real estate	31,872	28,241	-	17,763	42,350
Valuation allowances - real estate	35,471	(4,114)	-	-	31,357
Valuation allowances - other long-term investments	700	(700)	-	-	-

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(1) Amounts represent direct write-downs charged against the valuation allowance.

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PART C. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 24. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(a) Financial Statements:

(1) Financial statements and schedule included in Prospectus (Part A): PAGE

Condensed Financial Information. 20

(2) Financial statements and schedule included in Part B:

Those financial statements and schedule required by Item 23 to be included in Part B have been incorporated therein by reference to the Prospectus (Part A).

Item 24. (b) Exhibits

(1) Resolution of the Depositor's Board of Directors authorizing the establishment of the Registrant - Filed previously with the Registration Statement, and hereby incorporated by reference.

(2) Not Applicable

(3) Underwriting or Distribution of Contracts between the Registrant and Principal Underwriter - Filed previously with the Registration Statement, and hereby incorporated by reference.

(4) The form of the variable annuity contract - Filed previously with Post-Effective Amendment No. 19 to the Registration Statement and hereby incorporated by reference.

(5) Variable Annuity Application - Filed previously with Post-Effective Amendment No. 19 to the Registration Statement, and hereby incorporated by reference.

(6) Articles of Incorporation of Depositor - Filed previously with the Registration Statement, and hereby incorporated by reference.

(7) Not Applicable

(8) Not Applicable

(9) Opinion of Counsel - Filed previously with the Registration Statement, and hereby incorporated by reference.

(10) Not Applicable

(11) Not Applicable

(12) Not Applicable

(13) Not Applicable

Item 25. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE DEPOSITOR

NAME AND PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ADDRESS	POSITIONS AND OFFICES WITH DEPOSITOR
Lewis J. Alphin 519 Bethel Church Road Mount Olives, NC 28365	Director
Keith W. Eckel 1647 Falls Road Clarks Summit, PA 18411	Director
Willard J. Engel 1100 East Main Street Marshall, MN 56258	Director
Fred C. Finney 1558 West Moreland Road Wooster, OH 44691	Director
Charles L. Fuellgraf, Jr. 600 South Washington Street Butler, PA 16001	Director
Joseph J. Gasper One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	President and Chief Operating Officer and Director
Henry S. Holloway 1247 Stafford Road Darlington, MD 21034	Chairman of the Board
D. Richard McFerson One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer-Nationwide Insurance Enterprise and Director
David O. Miller 115 Sprague Drive Hebron, Ohio 43025	Director
C. Ray Noecker 2770 State Route 674 South Ashville, OH 43103	Director
James F. Patterson 8765 Mulberry Road Chesterland, OH 44026	Director

NAME AND PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ADDRESS	POSITIONS AND OFFICES WITH DEPOSITOR
Arden L. Shisler 1356 North Wenger Road Dalton, OH 44618	Director
Robert L. Stewart 88740 Fairview Road Jewett, OH 43986	Director
Nancy C. Thomas 10835 Georgetown Street NE Louisville, OH 44641	Director
Harold W. Weihl 14282 King Road Bowling Green, OH 43402	Director
Gordon E. McCutchan	Executive Vice President,

One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Law and Corporate Services and Secretary
Robert A. Oakley One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, Ohio 43215	Executive Vice President- Chief Financial Officer
James E. Brock One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Senior Vice President - Life Company Operations
W. Sidney Druen One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Senior Vice President and General Counsel and Assistant Secretary
Harvey S. Galloway, Jr. One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Senior Vice President-Chief Actuary- Life, Health and Annuities
Richard A. Karas One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Senior Vice President - Sales - Financial Services
Michael D. Bleiweiss One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Vice President- Deferred Compensation

NAME AND PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ADDRESS	POSITIONS AND OFFICES WITH DEPOSITOR
Matthew S. Easley One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Vice President - Annuity and Pension Actuarial
Ronald L. Eppley One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Vice President- Pensions
Timothy E. Murphy One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, Ohio 43215	Vice President- Strategic Marketing
R. Dennis Noice One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Vice President- Individual Investment Products
Joseph P. Rath One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Vice President - Associate General Counsel

Item 26. PERSONS CONTROLLED BY OR UNDER COMMON CONTROL WITH THE DEPOSITOR OR REGISTRANT.

* Subsidiaries for which separate financial statements are filed

** Subsidiaries included in the respective consolidated financial statements

*** Subsidiaries included in the respective group financial statements filed for unconsolidated subsidiaries

**** other subsidiaries

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COMPANY	STATE OF ORGANIZATION	NO. VOTING SECURITIES (SEE ATTACHED CHART) UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS
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Affiliate Agency of Ohio, Inc.	Ohio		Life Insurance Agency
Affiliate Agency, Inc.	Delaware		Life Insurance Agency
Allnations, Inc.	Ohio		Promotes cooperative insurance corporations worldwide
American Marine Underwriters,	Florida		Underwriting Manager

Inc.		
Auto Direkt Insurance Company	Germany	Insurance Company
The Beak and Wire Corporation	Ohio	Radio Tower Joint Venture
California Cash Management Company	California	Investment Securities Agent
Colonial County Mutual insurance Company	Texas	Insurance Company
Colonial Insurance Company of California	California	Insurance Company
Columbus Insurance Brokerage and Service GMBH	Germany	Insurance Broker
Companies Agency Insurance Services of California	California	Insurance Broker
Companies Agency of Alabama, Inc.	Alabama	Insurance Broker
Companies Agency of Idaho, Inc.	Idaho	Insurance Broker
Companies Agency of Illinois, Inc.	Illinois	Acts as Collection Agent for Policies placed through Brokers
Companies Agency of Kentucky, Inc.	Kentucky	Insurance Broker
Companies Agency of Massachusetts, Inc.	Massachusetts	Insurance Broker
Companies Agency of New York, Inc.	New York	Insurance Broker
Companies Agency of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Pennsylvania	Insurance Broker
Companies Agency of Phoenix, Inc.	Arizona	Insurance Broker
Companies Agency of Texas, Inc.	Texas	Insurance Broker
Companies Agency, Inc.	Wisconsin	Insurance Broker
Companies Annuity Agency of Texas, Inc.	Texas	Insurance Broker
Countrywide Services Corporation	Delaware	Products Liability, Investigative and Claims Management Services
Employers Insurance of Wausau A Mutual Company	Wisconsin	Insurance Company

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** Employers Life Insurance Company of Wausau	Wisconsin		Life Insurance Company
F & B, Inc.	Iowa		Insurance Agency
Farmland Mutual Insurance Company	Iowa		Insurance Company
Financial Horizons Distributors Agency of Alabama, Inc.	Alabama		Life Insurance Agency
Financial Horizons Distributors Agency of Ohio	Ohio		Insurance Agency
Financial Horizons Distributors Agency of Oklahoma, Inc.	Oklahoma		Life Insurance Agency
Financial Horizons Distributors Agency of Texas, Inc.	Texas		Life Insurance Agency
* Financial Horizons Investment Trust	Massachusetts		Investment Company
Financial Horizons Securities Corporation	Oklahoma		Broker Dealer
Gates, McDonald & Company	Ohio		Cost Control Business
Gates, McDonald & Company of Nevada	Nevada		Self-Insurance Administration Claims Examinations and Data Processing Services
Gates, McDonald & Company of New York, Inc.	New York		Workers Compensation Claims Administration
Greater La Crosse Health Plans, Inc.	Wisconsin		Writes Commercial Health and Medicare Supplement Insurance
InHealth Agency, Inc.	Ohio		Insurance Agency
InHealth Management Systems, Inc.	Ohio		Develops and operates Managed Care Delivery System
Insurance Intermediaries, Inc.	Ohio		Insurance Broker and Insurance Agency
Key Health Plan, Inc.	California		Pre-paid health plans
Landmark Financial Services of	New York		Life Insurance Agency

	New York, Inc.			
	Leben Direkt Insurance Company	Germany		Life Insurance Company
	Lone Star General Agency, Inc.	Texas		Insurance Agency
**	MRM Investments, Inc.	Ohio		Owns and operates a Recreational Ski Facility
**	National Casualty Company	Michigan		Insurance Company
	National Casualty Company of America, Ltd.	Great Britain		Insurance Company
**	National Premium and Benefit Administration Company	Delaware		Insurance Administrative Services
	Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Company	Iowa		Insurance Company
	Nationwide Cash Management Company	Ohio		Investment Securities Agent

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	Nationwide Communications, Inc.	Ohio		Radio Broadcasting Business
	Nationwide Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation	Ohio		Redevelopment of blighted areas within the City of Columbus, Ohio
	Nationwide Corporation	Ohio		Organized for the purpose of acquiring, holding, encumbering, transferring, or otherwise disposing of shares, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness, securities, and contracts of other persons, associations, corporations, domestic or foreign and to form or acquire the control of other corporations
	Nationwide Development Company	Ohio		Owns, leases and manages commercial real estate
	Nationwide Financial Institution Distributors Agency, Inc.	Delaware		Insurance Agency
**	Nationwide Advisory Services, Inc.	Ohio		Registered Broker-Dealer, Investment Manager and Administrator
	Nationwide General Insurance Company	Ohio		Insurance Company
	Nationwide HMO, Inc.	Ohio		Health Maintenance Organization
*	Nationwide Indemnity Company	Ohio		Reinsurance Company
	Nationwide Insurance Enterprise Foundation	Ohio		Membership Non-Profit Corporation
	Nationwide Insurance Golf Charities, Inc.	Ohio		Membership Non-Profit Corporation
	Nationwide Investing Foundation	Michigan		Investment Company
*	Nationwide Investing Foundation II	Massachusetts		Investment Company
	Nationwide Investment Services Corporation	Oklahoma		Registered Broker-Dealer in Deferred Compensation Market
	Nationwide Investors Services, Inc.	Ohio		Stock Transfer Agent
**	Nationwide Life and Annuity Insurance Company	Ohio		Life Insurance Company
**	Nationwide Life Insurance Company	Ohio		Life Insurance Company
	Nationwide Lloyds	Texas		Texas Lloyds Company
	Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company	Ohio		Insurance Company
	Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company	Ohio		Insurance Company
	Nationwide Property and Casualty Insurance Company	Ohio		Insurance Company
**	Nationwide Property Management, Inc.	Ohio		Owns, leases, manages and deals in Real Property

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* Nationwide Separate Account Trust	Massachusetts		Investment Company
NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services of Alabama, Inc.	Alabama		Life Insurance Agency
NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services of Arizona, Inc.	Arizona		Life Insurance Agency
NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services of Massachusetts, Inc.	Massachusetts		Life Insurance Agency
NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services of Montana, Inc.	Montana		Life Insurance Agency
NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services of Nevada, Inc.	Nevada		Life Insurance Agency
NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services of Ohio, Inc.	Ohio		Life Insurance Agency
NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services of Oklahoma, Inc.	Oklahoma		Life Insurance Agency
NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services of Texas, Inc.	Texas		Life Insurance Agency
NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services of Wyoming	Wyoming		Life Insurance Agency
NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services, Inc.	Delaware		Life Insurance Agency
NEA Valuebuilder Services Insurance Agency, Inc.	Massachusetts		Life Insurance Agency
Neckura General Insurance Company	Germany		Insurance Company
Neckura Holding Company	Germany		Administrative Service for Neckura Insurance Group
Neckura Insurance Company	Germany		Insurance Company
Neckura Life Insurance Company	Germany		Life Insurance Company
NWE, Inc.	Ohio		Special Investments
PEBSCO of Massachusetts Insurance Agency, Inc.	Massachusetts		Markets and Administers Deferred Compensation Plans for Public Employees
PEBSCO of Texas, Inc.	Texas		Markets and Administers Deferred Compensation Plans for Public Employees
Pension Associates of Wausau, Inc.	Wisconsin		Pension plan administration, record keeping and consulting and compensation consulting
Public Employees Benefit Services corporation	Delaware		Marketing and Administration of Deferred Employee Compensation Plans for Public Employees
Public Employees Benefit Services Corporation of Alabama	Alabama		Markets and Administers Deferred Compensation Plans for Public Employees

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Public Employees Benefit Services Corporation of Arkansas	Arkansas		Markets and Administers Deferred Compensation Plans for Public Employees
Public Employees Benefit Services Corporation of Montana	Montana		Markets and Administers Deferred Compensation Plans for Public Employees
Public Employees Benefit Services Corporation of New Mexico	New Mexico		Markets and Administers Deferred Compensation Plans for Public Employees
Scottsdale Indemnity Company	Ohio		Insurance Company
Scottsdale Insurance Company	Ohio		Insurance Company
SVM Sales GmbH, Neckura Insurance Group	Germany		Sales support for Neckura Insurance Group
Wausau Business Insurance	Illinois		Insurance Company

Company		
Wausau General Insurance Company	Illinois	Insurance Company
Wausau Insurance Company (U.K.) Limited	United Kingdom	Insurance and Reinsurance Company
Wausau International Underwriters	California	Special Risks, Excess and Surplus Lines Insurance Underwriting Manager
** Wausau Preferred Health Insurance Company	Wisconsin	Insurance and Reinsurance Company
Wausau Service Corporation	Wisconsin	Holding Company
Wausau Underwriters Insurance Company	Wisconsin	Insurance Company
** West Coast Life Insurance Company	California	Life Insurance Company

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* MFS Variable Account	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* NACo Variable Account	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide DC Variable	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide DCVA-II	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide Life Separate Account No. 1	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide Multi-Flex Variable Account	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide VA Separate Account-A	Ohio	Nationwide Life and Annuity Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide VA Separate Account-B	Ohio	Nationwide Life and Annuity Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
Nationwide VA Separate Account-C	Ohio	Nationwide Life and Annuity Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide VA Separate Account-Q	Ohio	Nationwide Life and Annuity Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide Variable Account	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide Variable Account-II	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
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* Nationwide Variable Account-5	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide Fidelity Advisor Variable Account	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide Variable Account-6	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide Variable Account-8	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Annuity Contracts
* Nationwide VL Separate Account-A	Ohio	Nationwide Life and Annuity Separate Account	Issuer of Life Insurance Contracts
* Nationwide VL Separate Account-B	Ohio	Nationwide Life and Annuity Separate Account	Issuer of Life Insurance Contracts
* Nationwide VLI Separate Account	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Life Insurance Contracts
* Nationwide VLI Separate Account-2	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Life Insurance Contracts
* Nationwide VLI Separate Account-3	Ohio	Nationwide Life Separate Account	Issuer of Life Insurance Contracts

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NATIONWIDE INSURANCE GOLF CHARITIES, INC.

MEMBERSHIP NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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EMPLOYERS INSURANCE OF WAUSAU
A MUTUAL COMPANY
(EMPLOYERS)

Contribution Note	Cost
Casualty	$400,000,000

WAUSAU INSURANCE CO. (U.K.) LIMITED

Common Stock:	8,506,800 Shares
	Cost
Employers-- 100%	$15,683,300

WAUSAU SERVICE CORPORATION (WSC)

Common Stock:	1,000 Shares
	Cost
Employers-- 100%	$106,763,000

NATIONWIDE LLOYDS

A TEXAS LLOYDS

COMPANIES AGENCY OF TEXAS, INC.

WAUSAU BUSINESS INSURANCE COMPANY

Common Stock:	10,900,000 Shares
	Cost
WSC-100%	$21,800,000

WAUSAU UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE COMPANY

Common Stock:	8,750 Shares
	Cost
WSC-100%	$44,560,006

GREATER LA CROSSE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

Common Stock:	3,000 Shares
	Cost
WSC-33.3%	$861,761

COMPANIES AGENCY OF ALABAMA, INC.

Common Stock:	1,000 Shares
	Cost
WSC-100%	$100

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|     |        COMPANIES AGENCY        |
|     |        OF KENTUCKY, INC.       |
|     |                                |
|     |  Common Stock:  1,000          |
|_____|  ------------   Shares         |
|     |                                |
|     |                 Cost           |
|     |                 ----           |
|     |  WSC-100%       $1,000         |
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|     |        COMPANIES AGENCY        |
|     |      OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.     |
|     |                                |
|     |  Common Stock:  1,000          |
|_____|  -------------  Shares         |
|     |                                |
|     |                 Cost           |
|     |                 ----           |
|     |  WSC-100%       $100           |
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|     |        COMPANIES AGENCY        |
|     |      OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.    |
|     |                                |
|     |  Common Stock:  1,000          |
|_____|  -------------  Shares         |
|     |                                |
|     |                 Cost           |
|     |                 ----           |
|     |  WSC-100%       $1,000         |
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|     |        COMPANIES AGENCY        |
|     |        OF NEW YORK, INC.       |
|     |                                |
|     |  Common Stock:  1,000          |
|_____|  -------------  Shares         |
|     |                                |
|     |                 Cost           |
|     |                 ----           |
|     |  WSC-100%       $1,000         |
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|     |        COMPANIES AGENCY        |
|     |        OF PHOENIX, INC.        |
|     |                                |
|     |  Common Stock:  1,000          |
|_____|  -------------  Shares         |
|     |                                |
|     |                 Cost           |
|     |                 ----           |
|     |  WSC-100%       $1,000         |
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|     |        COMPANIES AGENCY        |
|     |          OF IDAHO, INC.        |
|     |                                |
|     |  Common Stock:  1,000          |
|_____|  -------------  Shares         |
|     |                                |
|     |                 Cost           |
|     |                 ----           |
|     |  WSC-100%       $1,000         |
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COUNTRYWIDE SERVICES CORPORATION

Common Stock: 100 Shares

	Cost
WSC-100%	$145,852

WAUSAU GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Common Stock: 200,000 Shares

	Cost
WSC-100%	$31,000,000

WAUSAU INTERNATIONAL UNDERWRITERS

Common Stock: 1,000 Shares

	Cost
WSC-100%	$10,000

COMPANIES AGENCY INSURANCE SERVICES OF CALIFORNIA

Common Stock: 1,000 Shares

	Cost
WSC-100%	$1,000

AMERICAN MARINE UNDERWRITERS, INC.

Common Stock: 20 Shares

	Cost
WSC-100%	$248,222

COMPANIES AGENCY OF ILLINOIS, INC.

Common Stock: 250 Shares

	Cost
WSC-100%	$2,500

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                                                            |    |   COMPANIES AGENCY, INC.     |    |    PENSION ASSOCIATES       |
                                                            |    |                              |    |     OF WAUSAU, INC.         |
                                                            |    |                              |    |                             |
                                                            |    |  Common Stock:  100          |    |  Common Stock:  1,000       |
                                                            |____|  -------------  Shares       |____|  -------------  Shares      |
                                                                 |                              |    |                             |
                                                                 |                 Cost         |    |  Companies        Cost      |
                                                                 |                 ----         |    |  Agency, Inc.     ----      |
                                                                 |  WSC-100%       $10,000      |    |  (Wisconsin) --   $10,000   |
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                                                                                              |            MEMBERSHIP           |
                                                                                              |            NONPROFIT            |
                                                                                              |           CORPORATION           |
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___|           NATIONWIDE MUTUAL              |_______________________________________________|     NATIONWIDE MUTUAL     |
___|           INSURANCE COMPANY              |_______________________________________________|  FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY   |
   |              (CASUALTY)                  |                                               |          (FIRE)           |
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   |                              |     ||   |   |                             |               |                                  |
   |      ALLNATIONS, INC.        |     ||   |   |     NATIONWIDE GENERAL      |               |            NATIONWIDE            |
   |                              |     ||   |   |     INSURANCE COMPANY       |               |            CORPORATION           |
   | Common Stock:  2,936         |     ||   |   |                             |               |                                  |
   | -------------  Shares        |     ||   |   | Common Stock: 20,000 Shares |               | Common Stock:           Control  |
   |                   Cost       |     ||   |___| -------------               |               | -------------           -------  |
   |                   ----       |     ||   |   |                             |               | $13,642,432             100%     |
   | Casualty-26%     $88,320     |     ||   |   |                Cost         |               |                                  |
   | Fire-26%         $88,463     |     ||   |   |                ----         |               |          Shares      Cost        |
   | Preferred Stock: 1,466 Shares|     ||   |   | Casualty-100%    $5,944,422 |               |          -----       ----        |
   | ----------------             |     ||   |   |_____________________________|               |  Casualty  12,992,922 $751,352,485 |
   |                  Cost        |     ||   |                                                 |  Fire         649,510   24,007,936 |
   |                  ----        |     ||   |                                                 |                                  |
   | Casualty-6.8%    $100,000    |     ||   |                                                 |          (See Page 2)            |
   | Fire-6.8%        $100,000    |     ||   |                                                 |__________________________________|
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   |                         |          ||   |   |                             |
   |     FARMLAND MUTUAL     |          ||   |   |    NATIONWIDE PROPERTY      |
   |    INSURANCE COMPANY    |          ||   |   |       AND CASUALTY          |
   |                         |          ||   |   |     INSURANCE COMPANY       |
   | Guaranty Fund           |__________||   |   |                             |
   | -------------           |__________|    |   | Common Stock: 60,000 Shares |
   | Certificate             |               |   | -------------               |
   | -----------             |               |   |                   Cost      |
   |                         |               |   |                   ----      |
   |                Cost     |               |   | Casualty-100%    $6,000,000 |
   |                ----     |               |   |_____________________________|
   | Casualty       $500,000 |               |
   |_________________________|               |    _____________________________
                |                            |   |                             |
                |                            |   |     COLONIAL INSURANCE      |
    ____________|__________                  |   |   COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA     |
   |         F & B, INC.   |                 |   |        (COLONIAL)           |
   |                       |                 |   |                             |
   | Common Stock:   1 Share |               |___| Common Stock: 1,750 Shares  |
   | -------------         |                 |   | -------------               |
   |                       |                 |   |               Cost          |
   |                  Cost |                 |   |               ----          |
   |                  ---- |                 |   | Casualty-100%   $11,750,000 |
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Farmland Mutual- $10
100%

NATIONWIDE AGRIBUSINESS INSURANCE COMPANY

Common Stock: 1,000,000 Shares

Casualty-99.9% $26,714,335

Other Capital:

Casualty-Ptd. $ 713,567

SCOTTSDALE INSURANCE COMPANY

Common Stock: 30,136 Shares

	Cost
Casualty-100%	$150,000,000

NATIONAL PREMIUM & BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

Common Stock: 10,000 Shares

	Cost
Scottsdale-100%	$10,000

NECKURA HOLDING COMPANY (NECKURA)

Common Stock: 10,000 Shares

	Cost
Casualty-100%	$87,943,140

NECKURA INSURANCE COMPANY

Common Stock: 6,000 Shares

	Cost
Neckura-100%	DM 6,000,000

NECKURA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Common Stock: 4,000 Shares

	Cost
Neckura-100%	DM 15,825,681

NECKURA GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Common Stock: 1,500 Shares

	Cost
Neckura-100%	DM 1,656,925

COLUMBUS INSURANCE BROKERAGE AND SERVICE GmbH

Common Stock: 1 Share

Cost

Neckura-100% DM 51,639

AUTO DIREKT
INSURANCE COMPANY

Common Stock: 1,500 Shares

Cost

Neckura-100% DM 1,643,149

SVM SALES
GmbH

Common Stock: 50 Shares

Cost

Neckura-100% DM 50,000

NATIONWIDE
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Common Stock: 99,000 Shares

Cost

Casualty-100% $15,100,000

Other Capital:

Casualty-Ptd. $ 2,796,100

SCOTTSDALE
INDEMNITY COMPANY

Common Stock: 50,000 Shares

Cost

Casualty-100% $8,800,000

NATIONWIDE
INDEMNITY COMPANY

Common Stock: 28,000 Shares

Cost

Casualty-100% $294,529,000

LONE STAR
GENERAL AGENCY, INC.

Common Stock: 1,000 Shares

Cost

COLONIAL COUNTY MUTUAL
INSURANCE COMPANY

Surplus Debentures:

Cost

Casualty-100% $5,000,000

Colonial $500,000
Lone Star 150,000

NATIONWIDE
COMMUNITY URBAN
REDEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

Common Stock: 10 Shares

	Cost
Casualty-100%	$1,000

INSURANCE
INTERMEDIARIES, INC.

Common Stock: 1,615 Shares

	Cost
Casualty-100%	$1,615,000

NATIONWIDE CASH
MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Common Stock: 100 Shares

	Cost
Casualty-90%	$9,000
NW Fin Serv-10%	1,000

CALIFORNIA CASH
MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Common Stock: 90 Shares

	Cost
Casualty-100%	$9,000

NATIONWIDE
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Common Stock: 14,750 Shares

	Cost
Casualty-100%	$11,510,000

Other Capital:

Casualty-Ptd.	1,000,000

THE BEAK AND
WIRE CORPORATION

Common Stock: 750 Shares

	Cost
NW Comm-100%	$531,000

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NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE (left side)

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EMPLOYERS INSURANCE
OF WAUSAU
A MUTUAL COMPANY

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY (NW LIFE)
Common Stock: 3,814,779 Shares

NW Corp.- 100% Cost

$950,226,915

NATIONWIDE
FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
(NW FIN. SERV.)
Common Stock: 7,676 Shares

Cost

NW Life-100% $5,996,261

NATIONWIDE
INVESTOR SERVICES, INC.
Common Stock: 5 Shares

NW Fin. Serv.-100%
Cost

$5,000

NATIONWIDE
INVESTING
FOUNDATION

COMMON LAW TRUST

NATIONWIDE
INVESTING
FOUNDATION II

NATIONAL CASUALTY
COMPANY (NC)
Common Stock: 100 Shares

Cost

NW Life-100% $66,132,811

NCC OF AMERICA, INC.
(INACTIVE)

NC-100%

EMPLOYERS LIFE INSURANCE CO.
OF WAUSAU (ELIOW)

Common Stock: 250,000 Shares
------------- Cost

NW Life-100% $155,000,000

WAUSAU PREFERRED
HEALTH INSURANCE CO.

Common Stock: 200 Shares

NATIONWIDE LIFE AND
ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

Common Stock: 66,000 Shares

NW Life- 100% Cost

$58,070,003

WEST COAST LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY
Common Stock: 1,000,000 Shares

Cost

NW Life-100% $133,809,265

NATIONWIDE PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT, INC.
Common Stock: 59 Shares

Cost

NW Life-100% $1,907,896

MRM INVESTMENTS, INC.

Common Stock: 1 Share

COMMON LAW TRUST

Cost

ELIOW -- 100% $57,413,193

Nat. Prop. Mgmt.-100%
Cost

$550,000

NATIONWIDE
SEPARATE ACCOUNT
TRUST

COMMON LAW TRUST

KEY HEALTH PLAN, INC.

Common Stock: 1,000 Shares

Cost

ELIOW-80% $2,700,000

NWE, INC.

Common Stock: 100 Shares

Cost

NW Life-100% $35,971,375

FINANCIAL HORIZONS
INVESTMENT TRUST

COMMON LAW TRUST

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NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE (middle)

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NATIONWIDE MUTUAL
INSURANCE COMPANY
(CASUALTY)

NATIONWIDE CORPORATION (NW Corp)

Common Stock:	Control:
13,642,432	100%

	Shares	Cost
Casualty	12,992,922	$751,352,485
Fire	649,510	24,007,936

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BENEFIT
SERVICES CORPORATION (PEBSCO)
Common Stock: 236,494 Shares

Cost

NW Corp.- 100% $ 7,830,936

GATES, McDONALD
& COMPANY (GATES)
Common Stock: 254 Shares

Cost

NW Corp.- 100% $25,683,532

NATIONWIDE FINANCIAL
INSTITUTION DISTRIBUTORS
AGENCY, INC. (NFIDAI)
Common Stock: 1,000 Shares

Cost

NW Corp. 100% $19,501,000

PEBSCO SECURITIES
CORP.
Common Stock: 5,000 Shares

Cost

PEBSCO-100% $25,000

GATES, McDONALD & COMPANY
OF NEW YORK, INC.
Common Stock: 3 Shares

Cost

Gates-100% $106,947

FINANCIAL HORIZONS
DISTRIBUTORS AGY.
OF ALABAMA, INC.
Common Stock: 10,000 Shares

Cost

NFIDAI-100% $100

PEBSCO OF
ALABAMA
Common Stock: 100,000 Shares

GATES, McDONALD & COMPANY
OF NEVADA

Common Stock: 40 Shares

LANDMARK FINANCIAL
SERVICES OF
NEW YORK, INC.

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| |     |                   Cost      |                   |   Gates-100%    Cost        |            | |___|Common Stock: 10,000 Shares|
| |     |                   ----      |                   |                 ----        |            | |   |-------------             |
| |     |  PEBSCO-100%      $1,000    |                   |                 $93,750     |            | |   |               Cost         |
| |     |_____________________________|                   |_____________________________|            | |   |               ----         |
| |                                                                                                  | |   | NFIDAI-100%    $10,100     |
| |                                                                                                  | |   |____________________________|
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| |     |         PEBSCO OF           |                                                              | |
| |     |         ARKANSAS            |                                                              | |    ____________________________
| |     | Common Stock: 50,000 Shares|                                                               | |   |     FINANCIAL HORIZONS     |
| |_____| -------------               |                                                              | |   |      SECURITIES CORP.      |
| |     |                  Cost       |                     _______________________________________|_|___|Common Stock: 10,000 Shares|
| |     |                  ----       |                    |  AFFILIATE AGENCY, INC.    |            | |   |-------------             |
| |     | PEBSCO-100%      $500       |                    |                            |            | |   |               Cost         |
| |     |_____________________________|                    |  Common Stock: 100 Shares  |            | |   |               ----         |
| |                                                        |                            |            | |   | NFIDAI-100%   $153,000     |
| |                                                        |   NFIDAI-100%   Cost       |            | |   |____________________________|
| |                                                        |                 ----       |            | |
| |      ____________________________                      |                 $100       |            | |
| |     | PEBSCO OF MASSACHUSETTS    |                     |____________________________|            | |
| |     |  INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.    |                                                               | |    ____________________________
| |_____| Common Stock: 1,000 Shares|                                                                | |   |                            |
| |     | -------------              |                                                               | |   |     FINANCIAL HORIZONS     |
| |     |                   Cost     |                                                               | |___|        DISTRIBUTORS        |
| |     |                   ----     |                                                               |  ___|       AGENCY OF OHIO,      |
| |     | PEBSCO-100%      $1,000    |                                                               | |   |            INC.            |
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| |     |         PEBSCO OF          |                                                               | |   |                            |
| |     |         MONTANA            |                                                               | |___|     FINANCIAL HORIZONS     |
| |_____| Common Stock: 500 Shares   |                                                               |  ___|    DISTRIBUTORS AGENCY     |
| |     | -------------              |                                                               | |   |     OF OKLAHOMA, INC.      |
| |     |                  Cost      |                                                               | |   |____________________________|
| |     |                  ----      |                                                               | |
| |     | PEBSCO-100%      $500      |                                                               | |
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| |     |         PEBSCO OF          |                                                               | |
| |     |         NEW MEXICO         |                                                               | |    ____________________________
| |     |                            |                                                               | |   |                            |
| |_____|Common Stock: 1,000 Shares  |                                                               | |___|     FINANCIAL HORIZONS     |
| |     |-------------               |                                                               |  ___|    DISTRIBUTORS AGENCY     |
| |     |                   Cost     |                                                               | |   |      OF TEXAS, INC.        |
| |     |                   -----    |                                                               | |   |____________________________|
| |     | PEBSCO-100%      $1,000    |                                                               | |
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| |_____|                            |                                                               | |___|         AFFILIATE          |
|_______|         PEBSCO OF          |                                                               |_____|         AGENCY OF          |
        |        TEXAS, INC.         |                                                                     |         OHIO, INC.         |
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NATIONWIDE INSURANCE ENTERPRISE (right side)

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________________________|         NATIONWIDE MUTUAL             |
________________________|       FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY          |
                        |              (FIRE)                   |
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NEA VALUEBUILDER INVESTOR SERVICES, INC. (NEA)
Common Stock: 500 Shares

	Cost
NW Corp.-100%	$5,000

NATIONWIDE HMO, INC. (NW HMO)
Common Stock: 100 Shares

	Cost
NW Corp.-100%	$14,603,732

NEA VALUEBUILDER INVESTOR SERVICES OF ALABAMA, INC.
Common Stock: 500 Shares

	Cost
NEA-100%	$5,000

INHEALTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC.
Common Stock: 100 Shares

	Cost
NW HMO INC.-100%	$25,149

NEA VALUEBUILDER INVESTOR SERVICES OF MONTANA, INC.
Common Stock: 500 Shares

	Cost
NEA-100%	$500

INHEALTH AGENCY, INC.
Common Stock: 100 Shares

	Cost
NW HMO INC.-99%	$116,077

NEA VALUEBUILDER INVESTOR SERVICES OF NEVADA, INC.
Common Stock: 500 Shares

	Cost
NEA-100%	$500

NEA VALUEBUILDER INVESTOR SERVICES OF OHIO, INC.
Common Stock: 100 Shares

	Cost
NEA-91%	$5,000

NEA VALUEBUILDER INVESTOR SERVICES OF WYOMING, INC.
Common Stock: 500 Shares

	Cost
NEA-100%	$500

NEA VALUEBUILDER INVESTOR SERVICES OF TEXAS, INC.

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   | |_____|      NEA VALUEBUILDER     |
   |_______|     INVESTOR SERVICES     |
            |      OF OKLAHOMA, INC.    |
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Item 27. NUMBER OF CONTRACT OWNERS

The number of Contract Owners of Qualified and Non-Qualified Contracts as of February 22, 1996 was 2,866 and 30, respectively.

Item 28. INDEMNIFICATION

Provision is made in the Company's Amended Code of Regulations and expressly authorized by the General Corporation Law of the State of Ohio, for indemnification by the Company of any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer or employee of the Company, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, to the extent and under the circumstances permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Ohio.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 ("Act") may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Company has been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

Item 29. PRINCIPAL UNDERWRITER

(a) Nationwide Advisory Services, Inc. ("NAS") acts as general distributor for the Nationwide Multi-Flex Variable Account, Nationwide DC Variable Account, Nationwide DCVA-II, Nationwide Variable Account-II, Nationwide Variable Account-5, Nationwide Variable Account-6, Nationwide Variable Account-8, Nationwide VA Separate Account-A, Nationwide VA Separate Account-B, Nationwide VA Separate Account-C, Nationwide VL Separate Account-A, Nationwide VL Separate Account-B, Nationwide VLI Separate Account-2, Nationwide VLI Separate Account-3, NACo Variable Account and the Nationwide Variable Account, all of which are separate investment accounts of the Company or its affiliates.

NAS also acts as principal underwriter for the Nationwide

Investing Foundation, Nationwide Separate Account Trust, Financial Horizons Investment Trust, and Nationwide Investing Foundation II, which are open-end management investment companies.

(b) NATIONWIDE ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.
DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS	WITH UNDERWRITER
Joseph J. Gasper One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, Ohio 43215	President and Director
D. Richard McFerson One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer--Nationwide Insurance Enterprise and Director
Gordon E. McCutchan One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Executive Vice President-Law and Corporate Services and Director
Robert A. Oakley One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, Ohio 43215	Executive Vice President - Chief Financial Officer and Director
Robert J. Woodward One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, Ohio 43215	Executive Vice President - Chief Investment Officer and Director

(b) NATIONWIDE ADVISORY SERVICES, INC.
DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

W. Sidney Druen One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Senior Vice President and General Counsel and Assistant Secretary
James F. Laird, Jr. One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Vice President and General Manager
Peter J. Neckermann One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Vice President
Harry S. Schermer One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Vice President - Investments
Rae I. Mercer One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, OH 43215	Secretary
William G. Goslee One Nationwide Plaza Columbus, Ohio 43215	Treasurer

(c)

NAME OF PRINCIPAL UNDERWRITER	NET UNDERWRITING DISCOUNTS AND COMMISSIONS	COMPENSATION ON REDEMPTION OR ANNUITIZATION	BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS	COMPENSATION
Nationwide Advisory Services, Inc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Item 30. LOCATION OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

Robert O. Cline
Nationwide Life Insurance Company
One Nationwide Plaza
Columbus, OH 43216

Item 31. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Not Applicable

Item 32. UNDERTAKINGS

The Registrant hereby undertakes to:

(a) file a post-effective amendment to this registration statement as frequently as is necessary to ensure that the audited financial statements in the registration statement are never more than 16 months old for so long as payments under the variable annuity Contracts may be accepted;

(b) include either (1) as part of any application to purchase a Contract offered by the prospectus, a space that an applicant can check to request a Statement of Additional Information, or (2) a post card or similar written communication affixed to or included in the prospectus that the applicant can remove to send for a Statement of Additional Information; and

(c) deliver any Statement of Additional Information and any financial statements required to be made available under this form promptly upon written or oral request.

The Registrant hereby represents that the fees and charges deducted under the Contract in the aggregate are reasonable in relation to the services rendered, the expenses expected to be incurred, and the risks assumed by the Company.

The Registrant hereby represents that any Contract offered by the prospectus and which is issued pursuant to Section 403(b) of the Code is issued by the Registrant in reliance upon, and in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Commission's no-action letter to the American Council of Life Insurance (publicly available November 28, 1988) which permits withdrawal restrictions to the extent necessary to comply with IRC Section 403(b)(11).

PROSPECTUS

MAY 1, 1996

NATIONWIDE
VARIABLE ACCOUNT

INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED
VARIABLE ANNUITY CONTRACTS

OFFERED BY
NATIONWIDE
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

SIGNATURES

As required by the Securities Act of 1933, and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant, NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT, certifies that it meets the requirements of Securities Act Rule 485(b) for effectiveness of this Post-Effective Amendment and has caused this Post-Effective Amendment to be signed on its behalf in the City of Columbus, and State of Ohio, on this 30th day of December, 1996.

NATIONWIDE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

(Registrant)
NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(Depositor)

By/s/JOSEPH P. RATH

Joseph P. Rath
Vice President and
Associate General Counsel

As required by the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the 30th day of December, 1996.

SIGNATURE	TITLE	
LEWIS J. ALPHIN ----------------------------------- Lewis J. Alphin	Director	
KEITH W. ECKEL ----------------------------------- Keith W. Eckel	Director	
WILLARD J. ENGEL ----------------------------------- Willard J. Engel	Director	
FRED C. FINNEY ----------------------------------- Fred C. Finney	Director	
CHARLES L. FUELLGRAF, JR. ----------------------------------- Charles L. Fuellgraf, Jr.	Director	
JOSEPH J. GASPER ----------------------------------- Joseph J. Gasper	President/Chief Operating Officer and Director	
HENRY S. HOLLOWAY ----------------------------------- Henry S. Holloway	Chairman of the Board and Director	
D. RICHARD MCFERSON ----------------------------------- D. Richard McFerson	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer-Nationwide Insurance Enterprise and Director	
DAVID O. MILLER ----------------------------------- David O. Miller	Director	
C. RAY NOECKER ----------------------------------- C. Ray Noecker	Director	
ROBERT A. OAKLEY ----------------------------------- Robert A. Oakley	Executive Vice President-Chief Financial Officer	
JAMES F. PATTERSON ----------------------------------- James F. Patterson	Director	By/s/JOSEPH P. RATH ------------------- Joseph P. Rath Attorney-in-Fact
ARDEN L. SHISLER ----------------------------------- Arden L. Shisler	Director	
ROBERT L. STEWART ----------------------------------- Robert L. Stewart	Director	
NANCY C. THOMAS ----------------------------------- Nancy C. Thomas	Director	
HAROLD W. WEIHL ----------------------------------- Harold W. Weihl	Director	

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the undersigned as directors and/or officers of NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, an Ohio corporation, which has filed or will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, various Registration Statements and amendments thereto for the registration under said Act of Individual Deferred Variable Annuity Contracts in connection with the MFS Variable Account, Nationwide Variable Account, Nationwide Variable Account-II, Nationwide Variable Account-3, Nationwide Variable Account-4, Nationwide Variable Account-5, Nationwide Variable Account-6, Nationwide Fidelity Advisor Variable Account, Nationwide Multi-Flex Variable Account and Nationwide Variable Account-8; and the registration of fixed interest rate options subject to a market value adjustment offered under some or all of the aforementioned individual Variable Annuity Contracts in connection with the

Nationwide Multiple Maturity Separate Account, and the registration of Group Flexible Fund Retirement Contracts in connection with the Nationwide DC Variable Account, Nationwide DCVA-II, and the NACo Variable Account; and the registration of Group Common Stock Variable Annuity Contracts in connection with Separate Account No. 1; and the registration of variable life insurance policies in connection with the Nationwide VLI Separate Account, Nationwide VLI Separate Account-2 and Nationwide VLI Separate Account-3 of Nationwide Life Insurance Company, hereby constitutes and appoints D. Richard McFerson, Joseph J. Gasper, Gordon E. McCutchan, W. Sidney Druen, and Joseph P. Rath, and each of them with power to act without the others, his/her attorney, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for and in his/her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to approve, and sign such Registration Statements and any and all amendments thereto, with power to affix the corporate seal of said corporation thereto and to attest said seal and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby granting unto said attorneys, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing requisite to all intents and purposes as he/she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming that which said attorneys, or any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This instrument may be executed in one or more counterparts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have herewith set their names and seals as of this 9th day of August, 1996.

Lewis J. Alphin, Director

Keith W. Eckel, Director

Willard J. Engel, Director

Fred C. Finney, Director

Charles F. Fuellgraf, Jr., Director

Joseph J. Gasper, President and Chief Operating Officer and Director

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Henry S. Holloway, Chairman of the Board, Director

D. Richard McFerson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer-Nationwide Insurance Enterprise and Director

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David O. Miller, Director

C. Ray Noecker, Director

Robert A. Oakley, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

----
James F. Patterson, Director

Arden L. Shisler, Director

Robert L. Stewart, Director

Nancy C. Thomas, Director

Harold W. Weihl, Director