

Phillips Terry E
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Phillips Terry E

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3250 INTERSTATE DRIVE
(Street)

RICHFIELD, OH 44286

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
National Interstate CORP [NATL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/14/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Shares (\$0.01 par value) | 08/14/2012 | | M | | 1,301 | A | \$ 19.79 |
| Common Shares (\$0.01 par value) | 08/14/2012 | | S | | 1,301 | D | \$ 23.62 (1) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.79 | 08/14/2012 | | M | 192 | 01/01/2010 08/15/2015 | Common Shares (\$0.01 par value) | 192 |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.79 | 08/14/2012 | | M | 1,109 | 01/01/2011 08/15/2015 | Common Shares (\$0.01 par value) | 1,109 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Phillips Terry E 3250 INTERSTATE DRIVE RICHFIELD, OH 44286 | | | Senior VP | |

Signatures

/s/ Terry E.
Phillips

08/16/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The price reported represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$23.60 to \$23.69. The reporting person undertakes to provide to National Interstate Corporation ("NATL"), any security holder of NATL, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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