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AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY Financial Supplement

September 30, 2015

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AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

| | Septem | September 30, 2015 | | December 31, 2014 | | | |
|--|--------|--------------------|----|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Assets | | | | | | | |
| Investments: | | | | | | | |
| Fixed maturity securities: | | | | | | | |
| Available for sale, at fair value | \$ | 35,389,842 | \$ | 32,445,202 | | | |
| Held for investment, at amortized cost | | 76,574 | | 76,432 | | | |
| Equity securities, available for sale, at fair value | | 7,833 | | 7,805 | | | |
| Mortgage loans on real estate | | 2,452,402 | | 2,434,580 | | | |
| Derivative instruments | | 180,649 | | 731,113 | | | |
| Other investments | | 284,994 | | 286,726 | | | |
| Total investments | | 38,392,294 | | 35,981,858 | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 523,614 | | 701,514 | | | |
| Coinsurance deposits | | 3,062,924 | | 3,044,342 | | | |
| Accrued investment income | | 375,522 | | 326,559 | | | |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs | | 2,591,327 | | 2,058,556 | | | |
| Deferred sales inducements | | 1,981,209 | | 1,587,257 | | | |
| Deferred income taxes | | 129,948 | | _ | | | |
| Income taxes recoverable | | 4,693 | | 9,252 | | | |
| Other assets | | 66,890 | | 280,396 | | | |
| Total assets | \$ | 47,128,421 | \$ | 43,989,734 | | | |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| Policy benefit reserves | \$ | 43,582,521 | \$ | 39,802,861 | | | |
| Other policy funds and contract claims | | 335,185 | | 365,819 | | | |
| Notes payable | | 400,000 | | 421,679 | | | |
| Subordinated debentures | | 246,397 | | 246,243 | | | |
| Deferred income taxes | | _ | | 3,895 | | | |
| Other liabilities | | 414,409 | | 1,009,361 | | | |
| Total liabilities | | 44,978,512 | | 41,849,858 | | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | | | | | | |
| Common stock | | 81,191 | | 76,062 | | | |
| Additional paid-in capital | | 626,914 | | 513,218 | | | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | | 426,555 | | 721,401 | | | |
| Retained earnings | | 1,015,249 | | 829,195 | | | |
| Total stockholders' equity | | 2,149,909 | _ | 2,139,876 | | | |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ | 47,128,421 | \$ | 43,989,734 | | | |

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | | Nine Mon Septem | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|----|--------------------|----|-----------|
| | | 2015 | | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2014 |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | |
| Premiums and other considerations | \$ | 8,335 | \$ | 6,043 | \$ | 25,369 | \$ | 22,497 |
| Annuity product charges | | 37,975 | | 31,958 | | 99,066 | | 86,477 |
| Net investment income | | 436,085 | | 386,931 | | 1,253,930 | | 1,127,818 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives | | (351,360) | | 39,218 | | (405,484) | | 358,594 |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments, excluding other than temporary impairment ("OTTI") losses | | 1,159 | | (3,190) | | 10,362 | | (6,134) |
| OTTI losses on investments: | | | | | | | | |
| Total OTTI losses | | (10,000) | | — | | (10,132) | | — |
| Portion of OTTI losses recognized in (from) other comprehensive income | | 4,771 | | (564) | | 3,943 | | (2,063) |
| Net OTTI losses recognized in operations | | (5,229) | | (564) | | (6,189) | | (2,063) |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | | — | | — | | _ | | (10,551) |
| Total revenues | _ | 126,965 | _ | 460,396 | | 977,054 | _ | 1,576,638 |
| Benefits and expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits | | 10,959 | | 9,109 | | 32,629 | | 30,191 |
| Interest sensitive and index product benefits | | 213,465 | | 429,415 | | 802,431 | | 1,114,381 |
| Amortization of deferred sales inducements | | 65,807 | | 40,661 | | 152,278 | | 96,676 |
| Change in fair value of embedded derivatives | | (414,724) | | (195,206) | | (583,112) | | (21,652) |
| Interest expense on notes payable | | 7,283 | | 8,741 | | 21,976 | | 28,126 |
| Interest expense on subordinated debentures | | 3,075 | | 3,044 | | 9,138 | | 9,076 |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs | | 67,885 | | 39,671 | | 186,871 | | 113,949 |
| Other operating costs and expenses | | 24,497 | | 20,616 | | 70,487 | | 60,588 |
| Total benefits and expenses | _ | (21,753) | | 356,051 | | 692,698 | | 1,431,335 |
| Income before income taxes | | 148,718 | | 104,345 | | 284,356 | | 145,303 |
| Income tax expense | | 51,412 | | 36,530 | | 98,302 | | 50,497 |
| Net income | \$ | 97,306 | \$ | 67,815 | \$ | 186,054 | \$ | 94,806 |
| Earnings per common share | \$ | 1.22 | \$ | 0.90 | \$ | 2.39 | \$ | 1.28 |
| Earnings per common share - assuming dilution | \$ | 1.19 | \$ | 0.85 | \$ | 2.33 | \$ | 1.19 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands): | + | , | Ŧ | | Ŧ | | + | , |
| Earnings per common share | | 79,676 | | 75,083 | | 77,995 | | 74,030 |
| Earnings per common share - assuming dilution | | 81,559 | | 79,467 | | 79,977 | | 79,477 |

Quarterly Summary - Most Recent 5 Quarters (Unaudited)

| | _ (| 23 2015 | | Q2 2015 | (| 2015 | | Q4 2014 | | Q3 2014 |
|--|-----|-----------|----|---------------|------|--------------|-------|------------|----|-----------|
| | | | (D | ollars in tho | usan | ds, except p | oer s | hare data) | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Traditional life insurance premiums | \$ | 2,664 | \$ | 2,659 | \$ | 2,703 | \$ | 2,537 | \$ | 2,615 |
| Life contingent immediate annuity considerations | | 5,671 | | 7,378 | | 4,294 | | 7,589 | | 3,428 |
| Surrender charges | | 13,104 | | 11,413 | | 11,554 | | 10,418 | | 11,717 |
| Lifetime income benefit rider fees | | 24,871 | | 20,996 | | 17,128 | | 22,095 | | 20,241 |
| Net investment income | | 436,085 | | 418,176 | | 399,669 | | 403,849 | | 386,931 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives | | (351,360) | | (23,024) | | (31,100) | | 146,231 | | 39,218 |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments, excluding OTTI | | 1,159 | | 4,324 | | 4,879 | | 2,131 | | (3,190) |
| Net OTTI losses recognized in operations | | (5,229) | | (828) | | (132) | | (564) | | (564) |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | | _ | | _ | | _ | | (1,951) | | — |
| Total revenues | | 126,965 | | 441,094 | | 408,995 | | 592,335 | | 460,396 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Benefits and expenses: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Traditional life insurance policy benefits and change in future policy benefits | | 1,730 | | 1,971 | | 1,931 | | 1,300 | | 2,420 |
| Life contingent immediate annuity benefits and change in future policy benefits | | 9,229 | | 10,479 | | 7,289 | | 10,324 | | 6,689 |
| Interest sensitive and index product benefits (a) | | 213,465 | | 306,141 | | 282,825 | | 359,319 | | 429,415 |
| Amortization of deferred sales inducements (b) | | 65,807 | | 75,518 | | 10,953 | | 34,743 | | 40,661 |
| Change in fair value of embedded derivatives | | (414,724) | | (219,601) | | 51,213 | | 53,973 | | (195,206) |
| Interest expense on notes payable | | 7,283 | | 7,354 | | 7,339 | | 8,244 | | 8,741 |
| Interest expense on subordinated debentures | | 3,075 | | 3,047 | | 3,016 | | 3,046 | | 3,044 |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs (b) | | 67,885 | | 104,700 | | 14,286 | | 49,629 | | 39,671 |
| Other operating costs and expenses | | 24,497 | | 24,868 | | 21,122 | | 20,996 | | 20,616 |
| Total benefits and expenses | | (21,753) | | 314,477 | | 399,974 | | 541,574 | | 356,051 |
| Income before income taxes | | 148,718 | _ | 126,617 | - | 9,021 | - | 50,761 | - | 104,345 |
| Income tax expense | | 51,412 | | 43,772 | | 3,118 | | 19,544 | | 36,530 |
| Net income (a)(b) | \$ | 97,306 | \$ | 82,845 | \$ | 5,903 | \$ | 31,217 | \$ | 67,815 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Earnings per common share | \$ | 1.22 | \$ | 1.07 | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.41 | \$ | 0.90 |
| Earnings per common share - assuming dilution (a)(b) | \$ | 1.19 | \$ | 1.05 | \$ | 0.07 | \$ | 0.39 | \$ | 0.85 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands): | | | | | | | | | | |
| Earnings per common share | | 79,676 | | 77,237 | | 77,042 | | 75,620 | | 75,083 |
| Earnings per common share - assuming dilution | | 81,559 | | 79,227 | | 79,118 | | 80,154 | | 79,467 |

(a) Q3 2015 includes expense from the revision of assumptions used in determining reserves held for living income benefit riders. The impact increased interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$18.3 million and decreased net income and earnings per common share - assuming dilution by \$11.8 million and \$0.14 per share, respectively.

Q3 2014 includes expense from the revision of assumptions used in determining reserves held for living income benefit riders. The impact increased interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$12.4 million and decreased net income and earnings per common share - assuming dilution by \$8.0 million and \$0.10 per share, respectively.

(b) Q3 2015 includes benefit from unlocking which reduced amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs by \$5.6 million and \$11.0 million, respectively, and increased net income and earnings per common share- assuming dilution by \$10.7 million and \$0.13 per share, respectively.

Q3 2014 includes benefit from unlocking which reduced amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs by \$12.6 million and \$35.5 million, respectively, and increased net income and earnings per common share- assuming dilution by \$31.0 million and \$0.39 per share, respectively.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

In addition to net income, we have consistently utilized operating income and operating income per common share - assuming dilution, non-GAAP financial measures commonly used in the life insurance industry, as economic measures to evaluate our financial performance. Operating income equals net income adjusted to eliminate the impact of net realized gains and losses on investments including net OTTI losses recognized in operations, fair value changes in derivatives and embedded derivatives, loss on extinguishment of debt and changes in litigation reserves. Because these items fluctuate from quarter to quarter in a manner unrelated to core operations, we believe measures excluding their impact are useful in analyzing operating trends. We believe the combined presentation and evaluation of operating income together with net income provides information that may enhance an investor's understanding of our underlying results and profitability.

Reconciliation from Net Income to Operating Income (Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | | Nine Mon Septem | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------------|------|--------------------|------|---------|
| | | 2015 | | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2014 |
| | | (Do | llars i | in thousands, | exce | pt per share da | ata) | |
| Net income | \$ | 97,306 | \$ | 67,815 | \$ | 186,054 | \$ | 94,806 |
| Adjustments to arrive at operating income: (a) | | | | | | | | |
| Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI | | 1,639 | | 1,551 | | (1,829) | | 3,476 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities | | (54,535) | | (4,957) | | (40,152) | | 34,636 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - debt | | 1,506 | | (427) | | 1,606 | | 29 |
| Litigation reserve | | _ | | _ | | _ | | (916) |
| Extinguishment of debt | | _ | | — | | — | | 7,912 |
| Operating income (a non-GAAP financial measure) | \$ | 45,916 | \$ | 63,982 | \$ | 145,679 | \$ | 139,943 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Per common share - assuming dilution: | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | \$ | 1.19 | \$ | 0.85 | \$ | 2.33 | \$ | 1.19 |
| Adjustments to arrive at operating income: | | | | | | | | |
| Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI | | 0.02 | | 0.02 | | (0.03) | | 0.04 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities | | (0.67) | | (0.06) | | (0.50) | | 0.44 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - debt | | 0.02 | | — | | 0.02 | | _ |
| Litigation reserve | | _ | | _ | | _ | | (0.01) |
| Extinguishment of debt | | | | | | | | 0.10 |
| Operating income (a non-GAAP financial measure) | \$ | 0.56 | \$ | 0.81 | \$ | 1.82 | \$ | 1.76 |

(a) Adjustments to net income to arrive at operating income are presented net of income taxes and where applicable, are net of related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements (DSI) and deferred policy acquisition costs (DAC).

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Summary of Adjustments to Arrive at Operating Income (Unaudited)

| | Three Mon Septem | | | | Ionths Ended tember 30, | | |
|--|---------------------|----------------|------|----------|----------------------------|----------|--|
| | 2015 | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2014 | |
| | | (Dollars in | thou | sands) | | | |
| Net realized investment gains and losses, including OTTI: | | | | | | | |
| Net realized (gains) losses on investments, including OTTI | \$ 4,070 | \$ 3,754 | \$ | (4,173) | \$ | 8,197 | |
| Amortization of DAC and DSI | (1,528) | (1,355) | | 1,338 | | (2,820) | |
| Income taxes | (903) | (848) | | 1,006 | | (1,901) | |
| | \$ 1,639 | \$ 1,551 | \$ | (1,829) | \$ | 3,476 | |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives: | | | | | | | |
| Index annuities | \$ (93,752) | \$ (16,380) | \$ | (27,466) | \$ | 134,925 | |
| 2015 notes, note hedge and warrants | _ | — | | — | | (4,231) | |
| Interest rate caps and swap | 2,575 | (729) | | 2,746 | | 4,281 | |
| Amortization of DAC and DSI | 10,342 | 8,590 | | (33,811) | | (80,503) | |
| Income taxes | 27,806 | 3,135 | | 19,985 | | (19,807) | |
| | \$ (53,029) | \$ (5,384) | \$ | (38,546) | \$ | 34,665 | |
| Litigation reserve: | | | | | | | |
| Change in litigation reserve recorded in other operating costs | \$ — | \$ — | \$ | — | \$ | (2,212) | |
| Amortization of DAC and DSI | — | — | | — | | 795 | |
| Income taxes | _ | _ | | _ | | 501 | |
| | \$ _ | \$ | \$ | _ | \$ | (916) | |
| Extinguishment of debt: | | | | | | | |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | \$ — | \$ — | \$ | — | \$ | 10,551 | |
| Income taxes | _ | _ | | | | (2,639) | |
| | \$ _ | \$ _ | \$ | _ | \$ | 7,912 | |

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Quarterly Summary - Most Recent 5 Quarters (Unaudited)

Reconciliation from Net Income to Operating Income

| | Q | 3 2015 | (| Q2 2015 | | Q1 2015 | | Q4 2014 | • | Q3 2014 |
|--|----|----------|----|---------------|------|---------------|------|------------|----|---------|
| | | | (D | ollars in tho | usar | ıds, except p | er s | hare data) | | |
| Net income | \$ | 97,306 | \$ | 82,845 | \$ | 5,903 | \$ | 31,217 | \$ | 67,815 |
| Adjustments to arrive at operating income: (a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net realized investment (gains) losses, including OTTI | | 1,639 | | (1,649) | | (1,819) | | (613) | | 1,551 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - index annuities | | (54,535) | | (29,274) | | 43,657 | | 16,463 | | (4,957) |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and embedded derivatives - debt | | 1,506 | | (977) | | 1,077 | | 32 | | (427) |
| Extinguishment of debt | | | | | | — | | 3,604 | | — |
| Operating income (a non-GAAP financial measure) (b)(c) | \$ | 45,916 | \$ | 50,945 | \$ | 48,818 | \$ | 50,703 | \$ | 63,982 |
| | | | | | _ | | _ | | - | |
| Operating income per common share - assuming dilution (b)(c) | \$ | 0.56 | \$ | 0.64 | \$ | 0.62 | \$ | 0.63 | \$ | 0.81 |

(a) Adjustments to net income to arrive at operating income are presented net of income taxes and where applicable, are net of related adjustments to amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs.

(b) Q3 2015 includes a benefit from unlocking which reduced amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs by \$0.5 million and \$4.3 million, respectively, and increased operating income and operating income per common share- assuming dilution by \$3.1 million and \$0.04 per share, respectively.

Q3 2014 includes a benefit from unlocking which reduced amortization of deferred sales inducements and deferred policy acquisition costs by \$10.7 million and \$33.0 million, respectively, and increased operating income and operating income per common share- assuming dilution by \$28.2 million and \$0.36 per share, respectively.

(c) Q3 2015 includes expense from the revision of assumptions used in determining reserves held for living income benefit riders. The impact increased interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$18.3 million and decreased operating income and operating income per common share - assuming dilution by \$11.8 million and \$0.14 per share, respectively.

Q3 2014 includes expense from the revision of assumptions used in determining reserves held for living income benefit riders. The impact increased interest sensitive and index product benefits by \$12.4 million and decreased operating income and operating income per common share - assuming dilution by \$8.0 million and \$0.10 per share, respectively.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Summary of Adjustments to Arrive at Operating Income (Unaudited)

| | Q3 2015 | Q2 2015 | Q1 2015 | Q4 2014 | Q3 2014 |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| | | (D | ollars in thousand | ds) | |
| Net realized (gains) losses on investments | \$ (1,159) | \$ (4,324) | \$ (4,879) | \$ (2,131) | \$ 3,190 |
| Net OTTI losses recognized in operations | 5,229 | 828 | 132 | 564 | 564 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives | 322,406 | 116,627 | 114,843 | 19,033 | 171,274 |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | — | — | _ | 1,951 | _ |
| Increase in total revenues | 326,476 | 113,131 | 110,096 | 19,417 | 175,028 |
| | | | | | |
| Amortization of deferred sales inducements | (12,644) | (23,306) | 38,686 | 14,579 | (3,886) |
| Change in fair value of embedded derivatives | 413,583 | 215,659 | (50,646) | (42,912) | 188,383 |
| Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs | 3,830 | (30,593) | 56,500 | 22,063 | (3,349) |
| Increase (decrease) in total benefits and expenses | 404,769 | 161,760 | 44,540 | (6,270) | 181,148 |
| Increase (decrease) in income before income taxes | (78,293) | (48,629) | 65,556 | 25,687 | (6,120) |
| Increase (decrease) in income tax expense | (26,903) | (16,729) | 22,641 | 6,201 | (2,287) |
| Increase (decrease) in net income | \$ (51,390) | \$ (31,900) | \$ 42,915 | \$ 19,486 | \$ (3,833) |

Capitalization/Book Value per Share

| | Septe | ember 30, 2015 | De | December 31, 2014 | | | |
|--|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| | (Dol | lars in thousands, | excep | t per share data) | | | |
| Capitalization: | | | | | | | |
| Notes payable: | | | | | | | |
| September 2015 Notes | \$ | — | \$ | 21,679 | | | |
| July 2021 Notes | | 400,000 | | 400,000 | | | |
| Subordinated debentures payable to subsidiary trusts | | 246,397 | | 246,243 | | | |
| Total debt | | 646,397 | | 667,922 | | | |
| Total stockholders' equity | | 2,149,909 | | 2,139,876 | | | |
| Total capitalization | | 2,796,306 | | 2,807,798 | | | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) | | (426,555) | | (721,401) | | | |
| Total capitalization excluding AOCI (a) | \$ | 2,369,751 | \$ | 2,086,397 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total stockholders' equity | \$ | 2,149,909 | \$ | 2,139,876 | | | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | | (426,555) | | (721,401) | | | |
| Total stockholders' equity excluding AOCI (a) | \$ | 1,723,354 | \$ | 1,418,475 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Common shares outstanding (b) | | 81,420,948 | | 76,605,527 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Book Value per Share: (c) | | | | | | | |
| Book value per share including AOCI | \$ | 26.40 | \$ | 27.93 | | | |
| Book value per share excluding AOCI (a) | \$ | 21.17 | \$ | 18.52 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Debt-to-Capital Ratios: (d) | | | | | | | |
| Senior debt / Total capitalization | | 16.9% | | 20.2% | | | |
| Adjusted debt / Total capitalization | | 16.9% | | 20.2% | | | |

(a) Total capitalization, total stockholders' equity and book value per share excluding AOCI, non-GAAP financial measures, are based on stockholders' equity excluding the effect of AOCI. Since AOCI fluctuates from quarter to quarter due to unrealized changes in the fair value of available for sale investments, we believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful supplemental information.

(b) Common shares outstanding include shares held by the NMO Deferred Compensation Trust: 2015 - 230,012 shares; 2014 - 543,120 shares

(c) Book value per share including and excluding AOCI is calculated as total stockholders' equity and total stockholders' equity excluding AOCI divided by the total number of shares of common stock outstanding.

(d) Debt-to-capital ratios are computed using total capitalization excluding AOCI. Adjusted debt includes notes payable and the portion of the total subordinated debentures payable to subsidiary trusts outstanding (qualifying trust preferred securities) that exceeds 15% of total capitalization excluding AOCI.

Spread Results

| | | nths Ended 1ber 30, | | ths Ended Iber 30, |
|---|--------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Average yield on invested assets | 4.79% | 4.89% | 4.77% | 4.89% |
| Aggregate cost of money | 1.96% | 2.07% | 1.96% | 2.12% |
| Aggregate investment spread | 2.83% | 2.82% | 2.81% | 2.77% |
| | | | | |
| Impact of: | | | | |
| Investment yield - additional prepayment income | 0.14% | 0.07% | 0.08% | 0.05% |
| Cost of money effect of over hedging | 0.02% | 0.05% | 0.05% | 0.03% |
| | | | | |
| Weighted average investments (in thousands) | \$36,518,093 | \$31,715,221 | \$35,124,768 | \$30,832,526 |

Weighted average investments include fixed maturity securities at amortized cost and equity securities at cost. The numerator for average yield on invested assets includes net investment income and the tax effect of investment income that is exempt from income taxes.

Summary of Cost of Money for Deferred Annuities

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | Nine Mon Septem | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----|-------------|------|--------------------|----|------------|--|
| | 2015 | | 2014 | 2015 | | | 2014 | |
| | | | (Dollars in | thou | sands) | | | |
| Included in interest sensitive and index product benefits: | | | | | | | | |
| Index credits | \$ 101,170 | \$ | 323,682 | \$ | 515,675 | \$ | 831,524 | |
| Interest credited | 62,519 | | 69,266 | | 187,946 | | 208,525 | |
| Included in change in fair value of derivatives: | | | | | | | | |
| Proceeds received at option expiration | (103,750) | | (327,773) | | (529,196) | | (834,502) | |
| Pro rata amortization of option cost | 130,956 | | 109,838 | | 374,466 | | 318,107 | |
| Cost of money for deferred annuities | \$ 190,895 | \$ | 175,013 | \$ | 548,891 | \$ | 523,654 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Weighted average liability balance outstanding (in thousands) | \$ 38,863,688 | \$ | 33,841,644 | \$ | 37,358,304 | \$ | 32,861,022 | |

Annuity Account Balance Rollforward

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Month Septemb | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|----|-------------|--|
| | 2015 | | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2014 | |
| | | | (Dollars in | thou | sands) | | | |
| Account balances at beginning of period | \$ 38,117,343 | \$ | 33,304,540 | \$ | 35,363,041 | \$ | 31,535,846 | |
| Net deposits | 1,718,755 | | 1,029,841 | | 4,640,646 | | 2,898,157 | |
| Premium bonuses | 127,220 | | 85,320 | | 346,410 | | 241,277 | |
| Fixed interest credited and index credits | 163,689 | | 392,948 | | 703,621 | | 1,040,049 | |
| Surrender charges | (13,104) | | (11,717) | | (36,071) | | (37,082) | |
| Lifetime income benefit rider fees | (24,871) | | (20,241) | | (62,995) | | (49,395) | |
| Surrenders, withdrawals, deaths, etc. | (478,998) | | (401,943) | | (1,344,618) | | (1,250,104) | |
| Account balances at end of period | \$ 39,610,034 | \$ | 34,378,748 | \$ | 39,610,034 | \$ | 34,378,748 | |

Annuity Deposits by Product Type

| | Three Mor Septem | | | Nine Mon Septem | | | Year Ended ecember 31, |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Product Type | 2015 | 2014 | | 2015 | 2015 2014 | | 2014 |
| | | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | |
| Fixed index annuities | \$ 1,764,179 | \$ 1,041,449 | \$ | 4,748,612 | \$ | 2,883,106 | \$ 3,999,439 |
| Annual reset fixed rate annuities | 8,425 | 10,959 | | 32,612 | | 43,359 | 57,273 |
| Multi-year fixed rate annuities | 45,032 | 13,741 | | 132,249 | | 90,391 | 103,293 |
| Single premium immediate annuities | 8,921 | 5,633 | | 27,085 | | 18,059 | 24,580 |
| Total before coinsurance ceded | 1,826,557 | 1,071,782 | | 4,940,558 | | 3,034,915 | 4,184,585 |
| Coinsurance ceded | 98,881 | 36,308 | | 272,827 | | 118,699 | 171,124 |
| Net after coinsurance ceded | \$ 1,727,676 | \$ 1,035,474 | \$ | 4,667,731 | \$ | 2,916,216 | \$ 4,013,461 |

Surrender Charge Protection and Account Values by Product Type

Annuity Surrender Charges and Net (of coinsurance) Account Values at September 30, 2015:

| | | Surrender Charge | Net Acco | int Value | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Product Type | Avg. Years At Issue | Avg. Years Remaining | Avg. % Remaining | Dollars in Thousands | % |
| Fixed Index Annuities | 13.9 | 9.4 | 14.8% | \$ 37,701,715 | 95.2% |
| Annual Reset Fixed Rate Annuities | 10.9 | 3.8 | 7.7% | 1,419,476 | 3.6% |
| Multi-Year Fixed Rate Annuities (a) | 6.6 | 1.6 | 4.1% | 488,843 | 1.2% |
| Total | 13.7 | 9.1 | 14.4% | \$ 39,610,034 | 100.0% |

(a) 31% of Net Account Value is no longer in multi-year guarantee period and can be adjusted annually.

Annuity Liability Characteristics

| | Fixed Annuities Account Value | | | Fixed Index Annuities Account Value | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|----|---|--|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| SURRENDER CHARGE PERCENTAGES: | | | | | |
| No surrender charge | \$ | 716,633 | \$ | 1,305,728 | |
| 0.0% < 2.0% | | 29,616 | | 408,342 | |
| 2.0% < 3.0% | | 83,678 | | 67,489 | |
| 3.0% < 4.0% | | 11,483 | | 754,092 | |
| 4.0% < 5.0% | | 84,579 | | 65,603 | |
| 5.0% < 6.0% | | 85,871 | | 565,842 | |
| 6.0% < 7.0% | | 113,066 | | 188,608 | |
| 7.0% < 8.0% | | 56,100 | | 480,735 | |
| 8.0% < 9.0% | | 71,950 | | 712,758 | |
| 9.0% < 10.0% | | 82,647 | | 1,057,127 | |
| 10.0% or greater | | 572,696 | | 32,095,391 | |
| | \$ | 1,908,319 | \$ | 37,701,715 | |

| | 1 | Fixed and Fixed Index Annuities ccount Value | Weighted Average Surrender Charge |
|--------------------------------------|----|---|--|
| | | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| SURRENDER CHARGE EXPIRATION BY YEAR: | | | |
| Out of Surrender Charge | \$ | 2,022,361 | 0.00% |
| 2015 | | 119,103 | 2.01% |
| 2016 | | 713,169 | 2.27% |
| 2017 | | 863,996 | 3.65% |
| 2018 | | 781,432 | 5.99% |
| 2019 | | 576,976 | 7.34% |
| 2020 | | 931,342 | 8.99% |
| 2021 | | 1,247,673 | 10.58% |
| 2022 | | 1,986,991 | 12.51% |
| 2023 | | 4,963,744 | 14.23% |
| 2024 | | 5,506,841 | 15.32% |
| 2025 | | 5,084,210 | 15.51% |
| 2026 | | 2,703,964 | 17.55% |
| 2027 | | 2,828,385 | 18.26% |
| 2028 | | 2,516,579 | 18.63% |
| 2029 | | 2,760,676 | 19.08% |
| 2030 | | 2,012,521 | 19.62% |
| 2031 | | 1,983,385 | 19.99% |
| 2032 | | 6,686 | 20.00% |
| | \$ | 39,610,034 | 14.45% |

Annuity Liability Characteristics

| | - | Fixed Annuities count Value | - | Fixed Index Annuities ecount Value |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|--|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | nds) |
| CREDITED RATE VS. ULTIMATE MINIMUM GUARANTEED RATE DIFFERENTIAL: | | | | |
| No differential | \$ | 921,547 | \$ | 1,112,302 |
| > 0.0% - 0.25% | | 218,500 | | 31,521 |
| → 0.25% - 0.5% | | 199,142 | | 228,756 |
| → 0.5% - 1.0% | | 156,178 | | 633,889 |
| > 1.0% - 1.5% | | 73,015 | | 5,778 |
| > 1.5% - 2.0% | | 1,364 | | — |
| > 2.0% - 2.5% | | 77 | | _ |
| 1.00% ultimate guarantee - 2.48% wtd avg interest rate (a) | | 115,219 | | 17,038 |
| 1.50% ultimate guarantee - 1.45% wtd avg interest rate (a) | | 122,721 | | 3,477,852 |
| 2.00% ultimate guarantee - 2.29% wtd avg interest rate (a) | | 100,556 | | — |
| 2.25% ultimate guarantee - 2.34% wtd avg interest rate (a) | | — | | 1,201,690 |
| 3.00% ultimate guarantee - 2.56% wtd avg interest rate (a) | | — | | 2,373,968 |
| Allocated to index strategies (see tables that follow) | | | | 28,618,921 |
| | \$ | 1,908,319 | \$ | 37,701,715 |

(a) The minimum guaranteed interest rate for the fixed rate or the fixed rate strategy is 1.00%. The ultimate guaranteed rate is applied on less than 100% of the premium.

If all crediting rates were reduced to minimum guaranteed rates (subject to limitations imposed by ultimate minimum guaranteed rates where applicable) the weighted average crediting rate as of September 30, 2015 for fixed annuities and funds allocated to the fixed rate strategy for fixed index annuities would decrease by 0.38%.

Annuity Liability Characteristics

FIXED INDEX ANNUITIES ACCOUNT VALUE - INDEX STRATEGIES

Annual Monthly Average and Point-to-Point with Caps

| | | Mi | nim | um Guaranteed (| Cap | | |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----|-------------------|-----|--------|---------------|
| | 1% | 3% | | 4% | | 7% | 8% + |
| Current Cap | | (| Dol | lars in thousands |) | | |
| At minimum | \$ 1,518 | \$ 10,463 | \$ | 1,572,672 | \$ | 53,927 | \$ 265,346 |
| 1.75% - 3% | 2,259,138 | — | | — | | — | — |
| 3% - 4% | 3,230,770 | 100,493 | | — | | — | — |
| 4% - 5% | 90,098 | 88,546 | | 2,519,759 | | | — |
| 5% - 6% | 195,799 | 63,246 | | 3,840,469 | | — | — |
| 6% - 7% | | — | | 89 | | | — |
| >= 7% | — | 15,437 | | 1,487 | | 79,441 | 17,543 |

Annual Monthly Average and Point-to-Point with Participation Rates

| | Minimum Guaranteed Participation Rate | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|----|---------|----|---------|----|---------|--|
| | | 10% | | 25% | | 35% | | 50% + | |
| Current Participation Rate | | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | | | |
| At minimum | \$ | 633 | \$ | 381,975 | \$ | 157,524 | \$ | 186,483 | |
| < 20% | | 309,163 | | _ | | _ | | _ | |
| 20% - 40% | | 578,755 | | 320,176 | | — | | — | |
| 40% - 60% | | 136,535 | | 139,185 | | 105,119 | | 845 | |
| >= 60% | | 5,079 | | _ | | _ | | | |

<u>S&P 500 Monthly Point-to-Point - Minimum Guaranteed Monthly Cap = 1.0%</u>

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|---|
| |

| Current Cap | |
|-------------|-----------|
| At minimum | \$ 17,286 |
| 1.2% - 1.9% | 8,109,234 |
| 2.0% - 2.3% | 2,073,248 |
| >= 2.4% | 92,993 |

Volatility Control Index

| (Dollars in thousands) | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Current Asset Fee | |
| At Maximum | \$ — |
| 0.75% - 1.75% | 83,532 |
| 2.25% - 2.75% | 1,013,802 |
| 3.00% | 430,088 |

If all caps and participation rates were reduced to minimum caps and participation rates and current asset fees were increased to their maximums, the cost of options would decrease by 0.63% based upon prices of options for the week ended October 20, 2015.

Summary of Invested Assets

| | | September | 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|---------|--|
| | Carrying Amount | | Percent | Carrying Amount | Percent | |
| | | | (Dollars in | thousands) | | |
| Fixed maturity securities: | | | | | | |
| United States Government full faith and credit | \$ | 37,681 | 0.1% | \$ 138,460 | 0.4% | |
| United States Government sponsored agencies | | 1,314,748 | 3.4% | 1,393,890 | 3.9% | |
| United States municipalities, states and territories | | 3,760,888 | 9.8% | 3,723,309 | 10.4% | |
| Foreign government obligations | | 216,987 | 0.6% | 193,803 | 0.5% | |
| Corporate securities | | 23,536,322 | 61.3% | 21,566,724 | 59.9% | |
| Residential mortgage backed securities | | 1,556,308 | 4.0% | 1,751,345 | 4.9% | |
| Commercial mortgage backed securities | | 3,941,863 | 10.3% | 2,807,620 | 7.8% | |
| Other asset backed securities | | 1,101,619 | 2.9% | 946,483 | 2.6% | |
| Total fixed maturity securities | | 35,466,416 | 92.4% | 32,521,634 | 90.4% | |
| Equity securities | | 7,833 | % | 7,805 | % | |
| Mortgage loans on real estate | | 2,452,402 | 6.4% | 2,434,580 | 6.8% | |
| Derivative instruments | | 180,649 | 0.5% | 731,113 | 2.0% | |
| Other investments | | 284,994 | 0.7% | 286,726 | 0.8% | |
| | \$ | 38,392,294 | 100.0% | \$ 35,981,858 | 100.0% | |

Credit Quality of Fixed Maturity Securities - September 30, 2015

| NAIC Designation | (Dolla | Carrying Amount ars in thousands) | Percent | Rating Agency Rating | Carrying Rating Agency Rating Amount (Dollars in thousands) | | Percent |
|------------------|--------|---|---------|----------------------|---|------------|---------|
| 1 | \$ | 23,171,086 | 65.3% | Aaa/Aa/A | \$ | 22,808,058 | 64.3% |
| 2 | | 11,581,162 | 32.7% | Baa | | 11,300,580 | 31.9% |
| 3 | | 693,863 | 2.0% | Ba | | 704,655 | 2.0% |
| 4 | | 17,256 | % | В | | 56,943 | 0.1% |
| 5 | | — | % | Caa and lower | | 421,999 | 1.2% |
| 6 | | 3,049 | % | In or near default | | 174,181 | 0.5% |
| | \$ | 35,466,416 | 100.0% | | \$ | 35,466,416 | 100.0% |

Watch List Securities - September 30, 2015

| General Description | | Amortized Cost | | Unrealized Gains (Losses) | Fair Value | Months Below Amortized Cost | |
|-------------------------------|----|------------------------|----|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | |
| Corporate bonds: | | | | | | | |
| Finance | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | (3,618) | \$ 16,382 | 49 | |
| Industrial | | 63,947 | | (30,435) | 33,512 | 13 - 31 | |
| Telecommunications | | 6,000 | | (3,090) | 2,910 | 15 | |
| | | 89,947 | | (37,143) | 52,804 | | |
| Other asset backed securities | | 11,372 | | (6,090) | 5,282 | 28 - 54 | |
| | \$ | 101,319 | \$ | (43,233) | \$ 58,086 | | |

Fixed Maturity Securities by Sector

| | | | | | December 31, 2014 | | | |
|---|----|-------------------|-------------------|------|-------------------|----|---------------|--|
| | | Amortized Cost | Fair Value | | Amortized Cost | | Fair Value | |
| | | | (Dollars in | thou | sands) | | | |
| vailable for sale: | | | | | | | | |
| United States Government full faith and credit and sponsored agencies | \$ | 1,322,941 | \$ 1,352,429 | \$ | 1,502,134 | \$ | 1,532,350 | |
| United States municipalities, states and territories | | 3,405,519 | 3,760,888 | | 3,293,551 | | 3,723,309 | |
| Foreign government obligations | | 210,941 | 216,987 | | 181,128 | | 193,803 | |
| Corporate securities: | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer discretionary | | 1,936,633 | 1,996,159 | | 1,677,362 | | 1,800,455 | |
| Consumer staples | | 1,564,523 | 1,625,307 | | 1,376,634 | | 1,489,951 | |
| Energy | | 2,587,080 | 2,517,720 | | 2,307,432 | | 2,378,038 | |
| Financials | | 4,626,438 | 4,857,326 | | 3,928,295 | | 4,246,882 | |
| Health care | | 1,915,811 | 1,999,930 | | 1,742,218 | | 1,884,132 | |
| Industrials | | 2,995,749 | 3,117,625 | | 2,537,927 | | 2,746,752 | |
| Information technology | | 1,616,067 | 1,646,162 | | 1,324,095 | | 1,388,990 | |
| Materials | | 1,740,836 | 1,698,367 | | 1,589,219 | | 1,654,125 | |
| Telecommunications | | 534,671 | 547,295 | | 509,913 | | 542,055 | |
| Utilities | | 3,220,984 | 3,453,837 | | 2,991,652 | | 3,358,901 | |
| Residential mortgage backed securities: | | | | | | | | |
| Government agency | | 691,614 | 768,003 | | 689,378 | | 759,902 | |
| Prime | | 524,645 | 549,533 | | 683,206 | | 721,454 | |
| Alt-A | | 215,397 | 238,772 | | 244,262 | | 269,989 | |
| Commercial mortgage backed securities: | | | | | | | | |
| Government agency | | 345,208 | 368,443 | | 299,288 | | 320,343 | |
| Other | | 3,536,279 | 3,573,420 | | 2,421,006 | | 2,487,277 | |
| Other asset backed securities: | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer discretionary | | 74,162 | 75,711 | | 71,081 | | 73,298 | |
| Energy | | 8,152 | 9,296 | | 8,230 | | 9,459 | |
| Financials | | 774,288 | 791,515 | | 628,464 | | 649,388 | |
| Industrials | | 191,209 | 202,957 | | 177,864 | | 190,217 | |
| Telecommunications | | 13,789 | 15,061 | | 14,837 | | 16,139 | |
| Utilities | | 5,394 | 7,079 | | 5,870 | | 7,982 | |
| Redeemable preferred stock - financials | | _ | 20 | | _ | | 11 | |
| | \$ | 34,058,330 | \$ 35,389,842 | \$ | 30,205,046 | \$ | 32,445,202 | |
| leld for investment: | _ | | | | | | | |
| Corporate security - financials | \$ | 76,574 | \$ 62,000 | \$ | 76,432 | \$ | 75,838 | |

Mortgage Loans on Commercial Real Estate

| | September | r 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------|--|--|--|
| | Principal | | Principal | Percent | | | |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Geographic distribution | | | | | | | |
| East | \$ 720,522 | 29.2% | \$ 701,638 | 28.5% | | | |
| Middle Atlantic | 160,946 | 6.5% | 166,249 | 6.8% | | | |
| Mountain | 255,454 | 10.3% | 279,075 | 11.4% | | | |
| New England | 13,267 | 0.5% | 12,280 | 0.5% | | | |
| Pacific | 359,231 | 14.6% | 302,307 | 12.3% | | | |
| South Atlantic | 451,123 | 18.3% | 471,849 | 19.2% | | | |
| West North Central | 311,774 | 12.6% | 349,028 | 14.2% | | | |
| West South Central | 198,139 | 8.0% | 175,295 | 7.1% | | | |
| | \$ 2,470,456 | 100.0% | \$ 2,457,721 | 100.0% | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Property type distribution | | | | | | | |
| Office | \$ 417,122 | 16.9% | \$ 484,585 | 19.7% | | | |
| Medical office | 84,843 | 3.4% | 88,275 | 3.6% | | | |
| Retail | 768,210 | 31.1% | 711,775 | 29.0% | | | |
| Industrial/Warehouse | 688,336 | 27.9% | 649,425 | 26.4% | | | |
| Hotel | 3,412 | 0.1% | 30,640 | 1.3% | | | |
| Apartment | 362,809 | 14.7% | 335,087 | 13.6% | | | |
| Mixed use/other | 145,724 | 5.9% | 157,934 | 6.4% | | | |
| | \$ 2,470,456 | 100.0% | \$ 2,457,721 | 100.0% | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

| | Septe | September 30, 2015 | | mber 31, 2014 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|----|---------------|
| Credit Exposure - By Payment Activity | | | | |
| Performing | \$ | 2,443,679 | \$ | 2,451,760 |
| In workout | | 10,739 | | — |
| Delinquent | | — | | — |
| Collateral dependent | | 16,038 | | 5,961 |
| | | 2,470,456 | | 2,457,721 |
| Specific loan loss allowance | | (10,618) | | (12,333) |
| General loan loss allowance | | (6,900) | | (10,300) |
| Deferred prepayment fees | | (536) | | (508) |
| | \$ | 2,452,402 | \$ | 2,434,580 |

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New York Stock Exchange symbol: "AEL"

| | High | Low | Close | Dividend Declared |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| 2015 | | | | |
| First Quarter | \$29.62 | \$25.46 | \$29.13 | \$0.00 |
| Second Quarter | \$29.90 | \$25.06 | \$26.98 | \$0.00 |
| Third Quarter | \$30.02 | \$22.36 | \$23.31 | \$0.00 |
| | | | | |
| 2014 | | | | |
| First Quarter | \$26.42 | \$18.84 | \$23.62 | \$0.00 |
| Second Quarter | \$25.15 | \$20.97 | \$24.60 | \$0.00 |
| Third Quarter | \$25.25 | \$21.69 | \$22.88 | \$0.00 |
| Fourth Quarter | \$29.75 | \$21.36 | \$29.19 | \$0.20 |
| | | | | |
| 2013 | | | | |
| First Quarter | \$15.03 | \$12.33 | \$14.89 | \$0.00 |
| Second Quarter | \$16.60 | \$14.03 | \$15.70 | \$0.00 |
| Third Quarter | \$21.42 | \$15.64 | \$21.22 | \$0.00 |
| Fourth Quarter | \$26.46 | \$20.01 | \$26.38 | \$0.18 |

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