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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13E-3**

(Amendment No. 7)

(Rule 13e-100)

TRANSACTION STATEMENT UNDER  
SECTION 13(E) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND  
RULE 13E-3 THEREUNDER

**Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement  
under Section 13(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION**

Name of Subject Company (issuer)

**GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY**

a wholly-owned subsidiary of

**AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

(Names of Filing Persons (other person(s)))

**Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value Per Share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**63654U100**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This statement is filed in connection with (check the appropriate box):

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**Calculation Of Filing Fee**

TRANSACTION VALUATION

\$285,637,980.00

AMOUNT OF FILING FEE

\$36,790.18

\* Estimated for purposes of calculating the amount of the filing fee only. The calculation assumes the purchase of all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), of National Interstate Corporation, an Ohio corporation, other than Shares owned by American Financial Group, Inc. ("AFG") and its subsidiaries, at a purchase price of \$30.00 per Share, net to the seller in cash. As of October 30, 2013, there were 19,721,266 Shares outstanding, of which 10,200,000 Shares are owned by subsidiaries of AFG. As a result, this calculation assumes the purchase of 9,521,266 Shares.

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Amount Previously Paid: \$36,790.18  
Form or Registration No.: Schedule TO

Filing Party: American Financial Group, Inc.  
Date Filed: February 18, 2014

**NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THIS TRANSACTION, PASSED UPON THE MERITS OR FAIRNESS OF THIS TRANSACTION, OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THE DISCLOSURE IN THIS SCHEDULE 13E-3. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

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## INTRODUCTION

This Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 13E-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13E-3, together with the exhibits hereto (the “**Schedule 13E-3**” or the “**Transaction Statement**”) is filed by (1) American Financial Group, Inc., an Ohio corporation (“**AFG**”), and (2) Great American Insurance Company, an Ohio corporation and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of AFG (“**Purchaser**”) (collectively, the “**Filing Persons**”). This Transaction Statement relates to the tender offer by Purchaser to purchase all the outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “**Shares**”), of National Interstate Corporation, an Ohio corporation (“**National Interstate**”), other than Shares owned by Purchaser, at a purchase price of \$30.00 per Share (the “**Offer Price**”), net to the seller in cash, without interest and less any applicable withholding of taxes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated February 5, 2014 (as amended and supplemented by the Amended and Restated Offer to Purchase, dated February 21, 2014, and as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the “**Offer to Purchase**”) and the related Amended and Restated Letter of Transmittal (as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the “**Letter of Transmittal**”)(which, as amended or supplemented from time to time, together constitute the “**Offer**”).

Under the rules governing “going private” transactions, AFG, Purchaser, and National Interstate are deemed to be engaged in a “going private” transaction and are therefore required to, among other things, express their reasons for the transactions described in the Offer to Purchase, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit (a)(1)(i) of the Schedule TO dated February 5, 2014 and their views as to the fairness of the transactions to National Interstate’s unaffiliated stockholders.

Concurrent with the filing of this Transaction Statement, AFG and Purchaser are filing Amendment No. 10 to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (as may be amended and supplemented from time to time, the “**Schedule TO**”) in connection with the Offer.

The information contained in the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed by National Interstate with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“**SEC**”) on February 19, 2014, as amended on March 3, 2014 (as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the “**Schedule 14D-9**”), and the information contained in the Schedule TO, is incorporated by reference, and the responses to each item in this Schedule 13E-3 are qualified in their entirety by the information contained in the Schedule 14D-9 and the Schedule TO.

The cross references below are being supplied pursuant to General Instruction G to Schedule 13E-3 and show the location in the Offer to Purchase of the information required to be included in response to the items of Schedule 13E-3. The information contained in the Schedule TO, including all annexes thereto, is incorporated by reference herein, and the responses to each Item in this Transaction Statement are qualified in their entirety by the information contained in Schedule TO and the annexes thereto.

### **ITEM 15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

Section (c) of Item 15 of the Transaction Statement is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

“The complaint in the Spachman Action alleges, among other things, that the Offer is a coercive tender offer as the result of a flawed process, misleading disclosures, an unfair price, and AFG and Purchaser having the benefit of highly material inside information. The complaint in the Spachman Action further alleges that the defendants have engaged in violations of the federal securities laws, violation of Ohio’s Control Share Acquisition statute and breaches of fiduciary duty. Mr. Spachman is seeking injunctive relief. Also on March 5, 2014, Mr. Spachman filed a memorandum of law in support of the motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction

petitioning the court for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction prohibiting consummation of the Offer. The court has not ruled on the motion for temporary restraining order. However, on March 7, 2014, the court set the motion for preliminary injunction for a hearing on March 14, 2014.”

The information contained in the Exhibits referred to in Item 16 below is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 16. EXHIBITS.

- (a)(1)(i) Offer to Purchase, dated February 5, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO, filed on February 5, 2014).
- (a)(1)(ii) Letter of Transmittal (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO, filed on February 5, 2014).
- (a)(1)(iii) Notice of Guaranteed Delivery (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO, filed on February 5, 2014).
- (a)(1)(iv) Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO, filed on February 5, 2014).
- (a)(1)(v) Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO, filed on February 5, 2014).
- (a)(1)(vi) Summary Advertisement published in The New York Times on February 5, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO, filed on February 5, 2014).
- (a)(1)(vii) Amended and Restated Offer to Purchase, dated February 21, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A, filed on February 21, 2014).
- (a)(1)(viii) Amended and Restated Letter of Transmittal (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A, filed on February 21, 2014).
- (a)(1)(ix) Amended and Restated Notice of Guaranteed Delivery (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A, filed on February 21, 2014).
- (a)(1)(x) Amended and Restated Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A, filed on February 21, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xi) Amended and Restated Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A, filed on February 21, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xii) Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9, dated February 19, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14D-9 filed by National Interstate Corporation on February 19, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xiii) Fairness Opinion of Duff & Phelps, LLC, dated February 17, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.(a)(12) to the Schedule 14D-9 filed by National Interstate Corporation on February 19, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xiv) Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, dated February 5, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO filed on February 5, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xv) Tender Offer Statement (Amendment No. 1) on Schedule TO, dated February 18, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on February 18, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xvi) Tender Offer Statement (Amendment No. 2) on Schedule TO, dated February 21, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on February 21, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xvii) Tender Offer Statement (Amendment No. 3) on Schedule TO, dated February 24, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on February 24, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xviii) Tender Offer Statement (Amendment No. 4) on Schedule TO, dated February 26, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on February 26, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xix) Tender Offer Statement (Amendment No. 5) on Schedule TO, dated February 27, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on February 27, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xx) Tender Offer Statement (Amendment No. 6) on Schedule TO, dated February 28, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on February 28, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xxi) Tender Offer Statement (Amendment No. 7) on Schedule TO, dated March 3, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on March 3, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xxii) Tender Offer Statement (Amendment No. 8) on Schedule TO, dated March 4, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on March 5, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xxiii) Solicitation/Recommendation Statement (Amendment No. 1) on Schedule 14D-9, dated March 3, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 14D-9/A filed by National Interstate Corporation on March 3, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xxiv) Letter from counsel to AFG to counsel to Alan R. Spachman, dated March 6, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on March 7, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xxv) Tender Offer Statement (Amendment No. 9) on Schedule TO, dated March 7, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on March 7, 2014).
- (a)(1)(xxvi) Tender Offer Statement (Amendment No. 10) on Schedule TO, dated March 8, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO/A filed on March 7, 2014).
- (a)(5)(i) Press Release, issued by AFG, dated February 5, 2014 (incorporated by reference to the Schedule TO,

filed on February 5, 2014).

- (a)(5)(ii) Press Release, issued by AFG, dated February 18, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule TO, filed on February 18, 2014).
- (a)(5)(iii) Press Release, issued by AFG, dated March 3, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule TO, filed on March 3, 2014).
- (a)(5)(iv) Press Release, issued by AFG, dated March 6, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 9 to the Schedule TO, filed on March 7, 2014).
- (b) None.
- (d) None.
- (g) None.
- (h) None.

