

COTTON STATES LIFE INSURANCE CO /

Form 8-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8 K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report

August 17, 2004

COTTON STATES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

GEORGIA

002-39729

58-0830929

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

244 PERIMETER CENTER PARKWAY, N.E., ATLANTA, GEORGIA

30346

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(404) 391-8600

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ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The information contained in this Item 9 is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On August 16, 2004, Cotton States Life Insurance Company (the Company) issued a press release containing information about the Company s financial condition or results of operations for the three month and six month periods ended June 30, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

August 17, 2004

COTTON STATES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

BY: /s/ J. Ridley Howard

J. Ridley Howard, Chairman
President and Chief Executive Officer

BY: /s/ William J. Barlow

Vice President of Finance and Assistant Treasurer

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COTTON STATES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
 Unaudited Consolidated Condensed Statements of Earnings
 Three Months and Six Months ending June 30, 2004 and 2003

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Revenue:				
Premiums	\$ 9,485,362	8,824,057	18,394,225	17,023,006
Investment income	2,236,020	2,136,131	4,463,188	4,456,668
Realized investment gains	131,767	843,452	264,268	1,235,899
Brokerage commissions	960,947	1,119,656	1,962,093	2,197,625
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total revenue	<u>12,814,096</u>	<u>12,923,296</u>	<u>25,083,774</u>	<u>24,913,198</u>
Benefits and expenses:				
Benefits and claims	5,686,439	5,483,542	12,146,665	10,292,718
Interest credited	1,556,391	1,465,818	3,051,690	2,968,432
Amortization of policy acquisition costs	482,007	1,281,489	1,857,197	2,307,691
Operating expenses	2,238,399	2,391,136	4,617,596	4,774,556
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Total benefits and expense	<u>9,963,236</u>	<u>10,621,985</u>	<u>21,673,148</u>	<u>20,343,397</u>
Income before income tax expense	2,850,860	2,301,311	3,410,626	4,569,801
Income tax expense	930,718	730,459	1,114,758	1,437,213
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Net income	<u>\$ 1,920,142</u>	<u>1,570,852</u>	<u>2,295,868</u>	<u>3,132,588</u>
Basic income per share of common stock	<u>\$ 0.30</u>	<u>0.25</u>	<u>0.36</u>	<u>0.50</u>
Diluted income per share of common stock	<u>\$ 0.29</u>	<u>0.23</u>	<u>0.35</u>	<u>0.47</u>

Weighted average number of shares
 used in computing income per share

Basic	<u>6,322,737</u>	<u>6,323,363</u>	<u>6,322,737</u>	<u>6,324,328</u>
Diluted	<u>6,648,233</u>	<u>6,614,624</u>	<u>6,648,270</u>	<u>6,615,016</u>