National Interstate CORP Form 8-K May 23, 2007

UNITED STATES

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 (Date of earliest event reported):

May 18, 2007

NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio (State or Other Jurisdiction

000-51130 (Commission File Number) 34-1607394 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

3250 Interstate Drive

Identification No.)

Richfield, Ohio 44286-9000

 $(Address\ of\ principal\ executive\ offices\ including\ Zip\ Code)$

(330) 659-8900

 $(Registrant \ \ s \ telephone \ number, including \ area \ code)$

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

On May 18, 2007, the Board of Directors (the Board) of National Interstate Corporation (the Company) approved a dividend of \$0.05 per common share, payable on June 15, 2007 to shareholders of record of the Company s common shares as of the close of business on May 31, 2007.

As stated in the Company s dividend policy in the 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K, the declaration and payment of dividends remains subject to the discretion of the Board, and will depend on, among other things, the Company s financial condition, results of operations, capital and cash requirements, future prospects, regulatory and contractual restrictions on the payment of dividends by insurance company subsidiaries and other factors deemed relevant by the Board.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of National Interstate Corporation dated May 22, 2007

SIGNATURES

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

National Interstate Corporation

By: /s/ Paul F. Haffner Paul F. Haffner

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: May 23, 2007