

AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/  
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 \*  
HESS WILLIAM H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/ [AMT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/01/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Int'l. Operations

BOSTON, MA 02116  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/09/2011                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 8,500 D \$ 0  | 5,814 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/01/2011                           |  | M                              | 28,723 A \$ 37.52   | 34,537  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/01/2011                           |  | M                              | 10,938 A \$ 37.7  | 45,475  | D  |   |
| Class A Common                  | 12/01/2011                           |  | S <sup>(3)</sup>               | 39,661 D \$ 58.75   | 5,814   | D  |   |

|                            |            |   |             |
|----------------------------|------------|---|-------------|
| Stock                      | <u>(4)</u> |   |             |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 5,095      | I | By<br>GRATs |

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 |                 |                            |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable              | Expiration Date | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to Purchase Class A Common Stock    | \$ 37.52   | 12/01/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 28,723   |   | <u>(5)</u>                    | 03/15/2017      | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 28,723                     |
| Option to Purchase Class A Common Stock    | \$ 37.7  | 12/01/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 10,938   |   | <u>(6)</u>                    | 03/17/2018      | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 10,938                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| HESS WILLIAM H<br>116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE<br>BOSTON, MA 02116 |               |           | EVP, Int'l. Operations |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Mneesha O. Nahata, as  
attorney-in-fact

12/05/2011

\_\_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) Gift of Class A Common Stock to various charitable organizations through a donor advised fund.  
Includes 489 shares acquired under the Company's employee stock purchase plan in May 2011. 2,678 shares were previously reported as directly owned, but were contributed to a grantor retained annuity trust ("GRAT") on October 29, 2010. 1,245 shares were returned to the reporting person's direct beneficial ownership on November 9, 2011 in the form of a scheduled annuity payment under the terms of the GRAT.
- (2) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (3) Represents the weighted average price of shares sold in multiple same-day transactions at prices ranging from \$58.39 to \$59.39 per share.
- (4) This option was granted pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 15, 2008.
- (5) This option was granted pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 17, 2009.
- (6)

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