

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

Form 4

February 02, 2009

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GILLIGAN EDWARD P**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**3 WORLD FINANCIAL  
CENTER, 200 VESEY ST,  
AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10285**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

**AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]**

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

**01/29/2009**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Vice Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             |                                                                      | Price                                                             |

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<br>Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of<br>Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|

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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)                           | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | (Month/Day/Year) |     | (Instr. 3 and 4)          |                    |                 |                               |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|                                                  |                                                   |                         | Code               | V                                                                           | (A)              | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 16.71                                          | 01/29/2009              | A                  |                                                                             | 335,128          |     | 01/29/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> | 01/28/2019         | Common<br>Stock | 335,128                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                              | Relationships |           |               |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|                                                                                                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer       | Other |
| GILLIGAN EDWARD P<br>3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER<br>NEW YORK, NY 10285 |               |           | Vice Chairman |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen P. Norman,  
attorney-in-fact

02/02/2009

**\*\*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) These shares become exercisable in four cumulative annual installments of 25% each beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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