SMITH ROGER C Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH ROGER C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]

(Check all applicable)

Exec. Officer of Principal Sub

AMERICAN INCOME LIFE **INSURANCE COMPANY, 3700** SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE

(Street)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/26/2017

Director 10% Owner Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify below) below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MCKINNEY, TX 75070

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` '	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)
Common Stock	10/26/2017		M	30,000	A	\$ 30.3267	65,685	D	
Common Stock	10/26/2017		S	30,000	D	\$ 84.5021 (1) (2)	35,685	D	
Common Stock							2,728 (3)	I	Thrift Plan Trust

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.3267 (4)	10/26/2017		M		30,000	01/23/2015	01/23/2019	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH ROGER C AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070

Exec. Officer of Principal

Sub

Signatures

Roger C. Smith, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact

10/27/2017

**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) sales at prices ranging from \$83.94 per share to \$84.86 per share.
- (2) Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
- (3) Shares in unitized fund in employee benefit plan estimated conversion of \$ balance to shares using \$85.08 per share.

Reporting Owners 2

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Previously reported as option for 60,000 shares at an exercise price of \$45.49 per share, but has been adjusted to reflect 3-for-2 stock split paid in the form of 50% stock dividend occurring on July 1, 2014.

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