

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
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**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 \*  
HOUSE DAVID C  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

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

AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER, 3  
WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/01/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Member, Global Leadership Team

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003  
  
(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount Price			
Common Shares	08/01/2005		M		A \$ 35.292	377,310	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005		M		A \$ 43.81	419,555	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005		M		A \$ 46.98	450,163	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005		M		A \$ 46.98	470,305	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005		S		D \$ 55.05	469,705	D	

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Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 55.04	467,405	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	200	D	\$ 55.03	467,205	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	2,200	D	\$ 55.02	465,005	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	3,400	D	\$ 55.01	461,605	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	46,100	D	\$ 55	415,505	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	40,400	D	\$ 54.98	375,105	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	27,000	D	\$ 54.97	348,105	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 54.96	346,805	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	39,500	D	\$ 54.95	307,305	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	11,400	D	\$ 54.94	295,905	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	16,500	D	\$ 54.93	279,405	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	1,600	D	\$ 54.86	277,805	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	600	D	\$ 54.85	277,205	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 54.84	275,905	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	10,000	D	\$ 54.82	265,905	D	
Common Shares						6,952	I	By ISP Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Shares						1,110	I	Custodian for minor children

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.292	08/01/2005		M	150,000	02/22/2001 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/22/2009	Common Shares	150,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.98	08/01/2005		M	20,142	03/19/2004	02/23/2007	Common Shares	20,142
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.81	08/01/2005		M	42,245	12/06/2003	02/25/2006	Common Shares	42,245
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.98	08/01/2005		M	30,608	03/19/2004	02/25/2006	Common Shares	30,608

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOUSE DAVID C AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003			Member, Global Leadership Team	

## Signatures

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

08/03/2005

\*\*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) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Incentive Savings Plan as of August 1, 2005. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.
- (2) These options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on the date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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