CIRCUIT CITY STORES INC Form SC 13G February 13, 2003 February 1, 2003 Michael T Chalifoux Circuit City Stores Inc. 9950 Mayland Drive Richmond, VA 23233 Schedule 13G RE: Enclosed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is a report on Schedule 13G reporting beneficial ownership at December 31, 2002 by American Express Financial Corporation in Common Stock of Circuit City Stores Inc. Sincerely, /s/ Steve Turbenson _____ Steve Turbenson Director - Fund Administration Enclosure SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 Circuit City Stores Inc. _____ (Name of Issuer) Common Stock _____ (Title of Class of Securities) 172737108 _____ (CUSIP Number) The information required in the remainder of this cover page (except any items to which the form provides a cross-reference) shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be

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subject to all other provisions of the Act.

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S.S. or I.R.S. Identification IRS No. 13-3180631 No. of Above Person (a) Check the Appropriate Box 2) if a Member of a Group (b) X - Joint Filing 3) SEC Use Only Citizenship or Place of 4) Organization Delaware NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH (5) Sole Voting Power -0-(6) Shared Voting Power 198,137 (7) Sole Dispositive Power -0-(8) Shared Dispositive Power 16,465,585 Aggregate Amount Beneficially 9) Owned by Each Reporting Person 16,465,585 10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares Not Applicable 11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount In Row (9) 7.8% Type of Reporting Person 12) CO, IA, IV, IA Name of Issuer: 1(a) Circuit City Stores Inc. Address of Issuer's Principal 9950 Mayland Drive 1(b) Executive Offices: Richmond, VA 23233 2(a) Name of Person Filing: American Express Financial Corporation 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office: American Express Financial Corporation 200 AXP Financial Center Minneapolis, MN 55474 2(c) Citizenship: See Item 4 of Cover Page Title of Class of Securities: 2(d) Common Stock Cusip Number: 172737108 2(e) 3 Information if statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b): American Express Company, one of the persons filing this statement, is a Parent Holding Company in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G) and is an Investment Advisor registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. Amount Beneficially Owned as of December 31, 2002: See Item 9 of Cover 4(a) Pages 4(b) Percent of Class: See Item 11 of Cover Pages

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- Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See Item 5 of Cover Pages
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: See Item 6 of Cover Pages
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See Item 7 of Cover Pages
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See Item
 8 of Cover Pages
- 5 Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class: If this statement is being filed to report the fact as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following ().
- 6 Ownership of more than 5% on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable

7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

See Exhibit I

8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. American Express Financial Corporation

American Express Financial Corporation

Dated: December 31, 2002

By /s/ Steve Turbenson Steve Turbenson

Signature

Steve Turbenson Director - Fund Administration Name/Title

Telephone: (612) 671-2059

Exhibit Index

Exhibit I	Identification	and	Classific	cation	of	the S	Subs	idia	ry
	which Acquired	the	Security	Being	Rep	orte	d on	by	the
	Parent Holding	Comp	any.						

Exhibit II Statement of American Express Financial Corporation

Exhibit I

to

Schedule 13G

American Express Financial Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, is a parent holding company and is registered as investment advisor under section 203 of the Investment Advisor Act of 1940. The relevant subsidiaries and/or advised accounts are: Investment companies registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940; IDS Life Insurance Company and American Express Asset Management Group Inc., an investment advisor registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940.

Exhibit II

to

Schedule 13G

Under the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f)(1), American Express Financial Corporation affirms that it is individually eligible to use Schedule 13G and agrees that this Schedule is filed in its behalf and on behalf of it subsidiaries and advised accounts.

American Express Financial Corporation

By /s/ Steve Turbenson

Steve Turbenson Director - Fund Administration