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AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC Form 4 March 08, 2007 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MISCHELL THOMAS E Issuer Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP (Check all applicable) INC [AFG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) **ONE EAST FOURTH STREET** 03/07/2007 Sr. V.P. - Taxes (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CINCINNATI, OH 45202 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 1,500 I #1 (1) Stock Common #2 (2) 16,354.2111 Ι Stock Common #3 <u>(3)</u> 42,641.433 Ι Stock Common 03/07/2007 Μ 20.000 Α 173,754 D Stock 25.2533 Common 03/07/2007 S 1,586 D \$ 33.53 D 172,168 Stock

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Common 03/07/2007 Stock

S 18,414 D \$ 33.52 153,754 D

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. Transactio 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 Option	\$ 25.2533	03/07/2007		М	20,000	<u>(4)</u>	03/14/2007	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MISCHELL THOMAS E ONE EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Sr. V.P Taxes			
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Signatures

Thomas E. Mischell By: Karl J. Grafe, as 03/08/2007 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Indirect #1: Represents one-half of the 3,000 shares held by a general partnership of which the Reporting Person is a 50% partner. (1)
- Indirect #2: Shares allocated to the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). All ESPP (2)information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2006.

Date

(3)

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Indirect #3: The Company Retirement and Savings Account. The number of shares of Common Stock which would be represented by the value of the Reporting Person's Company Securities Funds account in the Issuer's Retirement and Savings Plan is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/2006.

Indirect #4: These Employee Stock Options ("Options") become exercisable as to 20% of the shares initially granted on the first
(4) anniversary of the date of grant, with an additional 20% becoming exercisable on each subsequent anniversary. The Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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