

MCGINN RICHARD A  
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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 \*  
MCGINN RICHARD A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AMERICAN EXPRESS  
TOWERAMERICAN EXPRESS  
T, 3 WORLD FINANCIAL  
CENTER3 WORLD FINANCIA

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/05/2004

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 below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares	11/05/2004	11/05/2004	M	3,000	A \$ 44.906	13,622	D
Common Shares	11/05/2004	11/05/2004	M	3,000	A \$ 48.854	16,622	D
Common Shares	11/05/2004	11/05/2004	M	3,000	A \$ 40.63	19,622	D
Common Shares	11/05/2004	11/05/2004	M	2,000	A \$ 43.085	21,622	D
	11/05/2004	11/05/2004	F	8,892	D	12,730	D

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Common Shares \$ 55.025

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.906	11/05/2004	11/05/2004	M	3,000	04/26/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/25/2009	Common Shares	3,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 48.854	11/05/2004	11/05/2004	M	3,000	04/24/2001 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/23/2010	Common Shares	3,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.63	11/05/2004	11/05/2004	M	3,000	04/23/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/22/2011	Common Shares	3,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.085	11/05/2004	11/05/2004	M	2,000	04/22/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 04/22/2012	Common Shares	2,000

# Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MGINN RICHARD A AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWERAMERICAN EXPRESS T 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER3 WORLD FINANCIA NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003	X			

## Signatures

Richard A.  
McGinn 11/08/2004

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 options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on the date shown as "Date Exercisable."
- (2) One half of the options exercised became exercisable on 4/22/2003, the other on 4/22/2004.

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