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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Perso Linville Judson C | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, 200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER | | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO, U.S. Consumer Division | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| NEW YORK, NY | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | (A) or | | | 5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 04/29/2010 | | M M | Amount 68,544 | (D) | Price \$ 29.239 | 123,518 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/29/2010 | | M | 50,867 | A | \$ 16.71 | 174,385 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/29/2010 | | S | 103,419 | D | \$ 47.6285 | 70,966 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,811 | I | by spouse as custodian |

for 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. 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Sha |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 29.239 | 04/29/2010 | | M | 68,544 | 01/27/2004(2) | 01/26/2013 | Common Stock | 68,5 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.71 | 04/29/2010 | | M | 50,867 | 01/29/2010 | 01/28/2019 | Common Stock | 50,8 |

Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Linville Judson C 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY | | | CEO, U.S. Consumer Division | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Michael G. Kuchs, attorney-in-fact 04/30/2010 | | | | | | | |

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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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$47.58 to \$47.70. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Express Company, any security holder of American Express
- Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
- (2) These shares become exercisable in four annual installments beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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