

AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HESS WILLIAM H**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE**  
(Street)

**BOSTON, MA 02116**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/ [AMT]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/10/2011**

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)  
**EVP, Int'l. Operations**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/10/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 7,864 A \$ 0  | 10,542   | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/10/2011                           |  | F                              |   | 2,506 D \$ 50.78  | 8,036  | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/10/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 5,220 A \$ 0  | 13,256   | D                                 |
| Class A Common                  | 03/10/2011                           |  | F                              |   | 1,658 D \$ 50.78  | 11,598   | D                                 |

Stock

Class A

Common

Stock

3,662

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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 or Number of Shares                            |
| Option to Purchase Class A Common Stock    | \$ 50.78   | 03/10/2011                           |  | A                              | 61,368  | <u>(1)</u> 03/10/2021                                    | Class A Common Stock 61,368                                 |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(2)</u>   | 03/10/2011                           |  | A                              | 20,678  | <u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>                                    | Class A Common Stock 20,678                                 |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(2)</u>   | 03/10/2011                           |  | M                              | 7,864   | <u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>                                    | Class A Common Stock 7,864                                  |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(2)</u>   | 03/10/2011                           |  | M                              | 5,220   | <u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>                                    | Class A Common Stock 5,220                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| HESS WILLIAM H<br>116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE<br>BOSTON, MA 02116 |               |           | EVP, Int'l. Operations |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Mneesha O. Nahata, as  
attorney-in-fact

03/14/2011

\_\_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) This option was granted pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 10, 2012.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.
- (3) This RSU was granted pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and vests in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 10, 2012.
- (4) This RSU was granted on March 10, 2009 pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and vests in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 10, 2010. This Form 4 reflects the vesting of this RSU on March 10, 2011 as to 50% of the original grant amount.
- (5) This RSU was granted on March 10, 2010 pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and vests in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 10, 2011. This Form 4 reflects the vesting of this RSU on March 10, 2011 as to 25% of the original grant amount.

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