

MGINN RICHARD A

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MGINN 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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

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 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (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 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 ⁽¹⁾ 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 ⁽¹⁾ 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 ⁽¹⁾ 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 ⁽²⁾ 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

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- * 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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