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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 18, 2002

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

State or other ' ' ' 13-4922250 _____ (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) Identification No.) 200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center 10285 New York, New York _____ _____ (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 640-2000 _____ (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Item 5. Other Events.

On November 18, 2002, the Registrant issued a press release announcing the authorization of the repurchase of additional shares as part of its share repurchase program and declaration of its regular quarterly dividend. Such press release is filed herein as Exhibit 99.1.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (REGISTRANT)

By /s/ Stephen P. Norman

Name: Stephen P. Norman Title: Secretary

DATE: November 19, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

Item No.	Description

99.1 Press release of American Express Company, dated November 18, 2002, announcing the authorization of the repurchase of additional shares as part of its share repurchase program and declaration of its regular quarterly dividend.