

HOUSE DAVID C  
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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 \*  
HOUSE DAVID C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER, 3  
WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

(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)

02/07/2005

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)  
Member, Global Leadership Team

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Shares	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	M		\$ 189,500 A 27.458	D	
Common Shares	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	S		\$ 55.33 10,000 D 357,775	D	
Common Shares	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	S		\$ 55.34 10,000 D 347,775	D	
Common Shares	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	S		\$ 55.35 25,000 D 322,775	D	
Common Shares	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	S		\$ 55.36 1,000 D 321,775	D	

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Common Shares	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	S	31,563	D	\$ 55.37	290,212	D	
Common Shares	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	S	25,100	D	\$ 55.38	265,112	D	
Common Shares	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	S	8,000	D	\$ 55.39	257,112	D	
Common Shares	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	S	26,000	D	\$ 55.4	231,112	D	
Common Shares	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	S	337	D	\$ 55.63	230,775	D	
Common Shares							6,711	I	By ISP Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Shares							1,110	I	Custodian for minor 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. 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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.458	02/07/2005	02/07/2005	M	189,500	09/28/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/27/2008	Common Shares	189,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

HOUSE DAVID C  
AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER  
3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER  
NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003

Member,  
Global  
Leadership  
Team

## Signatures

David C. House                      02/07/2005

\_\_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) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Incentive Savings Plan as of December 31, 2004. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.
  - (2) These options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on the date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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