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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)

08/01/2005

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 Price			
Common Shares	08/01/2005		M		A \$ 35.292	377,310	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005		M		A \$ 43.81	419,555	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005		M		A \$ 46.98	450,163	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005		M		A \$ 46.98	470,305	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005		S		D \$ 55.05	469,705	D	

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Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 55.04	467,405	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	200	D	\$ 55.03	467,205	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	2,200	D	\$ 55.02	465,005	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	3,400	D	\$ 55.01	461,605	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	46,100	D	\$ 55	415,505	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	40,400	D	\$ 54.98	375,105	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	27,000	D	\$ 54.97	348,105	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 54.96	346,805	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	39,500	D	\$ 54.95	307,305	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	11,400	D	\$ 54.94	295,905	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	16,500	D	\$ 54.93	279,405	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	1,600	D	\$ 54.86	277,805	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	600	D	\$ 54.85	277,205	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 54.84	275,905	D	
Common Shares	08/01/2005	S	10,000	D	\$ 54.82	265,905	D	
Common Shares						6,952	I	By ISP Trust ⁽¹⁾
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)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.292	08/01/2005		M	150,000	02/22/2001 ⁽²⁾ 02/22/2009	Common Shares 150
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.98	08/01/2005		M	20,142	03/19/2004 02/23/2007	Common Shares 20
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.81	08/01/2005		M	42,245	12/06/2003 02/25/2006	Common Shares 42
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.98	08/01/2005		M	30,608	03/19/2004 02/25/2006	Common Shares 30

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

s/ Stephen P. Norman,
Attorney-in-fact

08/03/2005

**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 August 1, 2005. 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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