

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

Form 3

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 \*

Â CHERNIN PETER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/23/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect (I)  
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

400

I by trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

Title

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:  
Direct (D)6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHERNIN PETER 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10036	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen P. Norman, attorney-in-fact	02/01/2006
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\_\_\_\_Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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