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FORM 4

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

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(Print or Type Responses)

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Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| A | | | AMER] | ICAN EX | PRESS | CO [| AXP] | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------|---|-------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) 3 WORLD CENTER, 2 AMERICAL | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/17/2010 | | | | | Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below) Director Other (specify below) CEO, U.S. Consumer Division | | | | | | |
| NEW YOR | (Street) | | | endment, Da nth/Day/Year | _ | 1 | | 6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person | | erson | | |
| (City) | (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea | ar) Execution | med on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | spose | ed of (D) | 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) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/17/2010 | | | I | 28.57 (1) | D | \$ 41.01 | 0 | I | by 401(k) Trust | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2,811 | I | by spouse as custodian for children | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 54,974 | D | | | |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | | 7. Titl | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transact Code (Instr. 8) | ofNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 5 | | Amou Under Secur (Instr. | rlying | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | 7 (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Linville Judson C 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY

CEO, U.S. Consumer Division

Signatures

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs, attorney-in-fact

03/19/2010

**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 Retirement Savings Plan. 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.

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