Squeri Stephen J Form 4 April 30, 2010

### FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Squeri Stephen J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
3 WORLD I CENTER, 2 AMERICAN	00 VESEY S	ST,	(Month/Day/Year) 04/29/2010	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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NEW YORK, NY 10285

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ble I - Non-	-Derivative	Securi	ities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4)  Amount	f (D)	uired (A) or	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	04/29/2010		M	74,256	A	\$ 38.922	178,603	D	
Common Stock	04/29/2010		M	79,968	A	\$ 31.941	258,571	D	
Common Stock	04/29/2010		S	138,134	D	\$ 47.6028 (1)	120,437	D	
Common Stock							4,609	I	401(k) Trust (2)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securition
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.922	04/29/2010		M	74,256	02/26/2003(3)	02/25/2011	Common Stock	74,2
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.941	04/29/2010		M	79,968	01/28/2003(3)	01/27/2012	Common Stock	79,9

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Squeri Stephen J 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285			Group Pres., Global Services			

# **Signatures**

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs,	04/30/2010		
attorney-in-fact	04/30/2010		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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- \* 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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$47.58 to \$47.63. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Express Company, any security holder of American Express
- (1) Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
- (2) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Incentive 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.
- (3) These options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on the date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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