

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

Form 4

January 05, 2015

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WILLIAMS RONALD A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O AMERICAN EXPRESS  
COMPANY, 200 VESEY STREET**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2014**

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)

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Derivative Securities

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)  Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)										
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares		
Share Equivalent Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/31/2014	A <u>(2)</u>		428.46		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock		428.46	\$	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIAMS RONALD A C/O AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY 200 VESEY STREET NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Emily T. Epstein,  
attorney-in-fact

01/05/2015

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) The Share Equivalent Units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The reported Share Equivalent Units were acquired pursuant to the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan and will be settled in cash following termination of service as a Director.
- (3) The Share Equivalent Units are convertible immediately and have no expiration date.
- (4) Includes Share Equivalent Units acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan and/or the 2003 Share Equivalent Unit Plan for Directors.

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