#### AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

Form 4 May 13, 2015

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **BURNS URSULA M** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

**OMB APPROVAL** 

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3235-0287

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2005

0.5

Symbol

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2015

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

C/O AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, 200 VESEY STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

below)

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Security

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

or Exercise

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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(Month/Day/Year)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Code

Securities

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** 

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(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a		(D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Share Equivalent	(1)	05/11/2015		A(2)		2,119.461		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	2,119.4

## **Reporting Owners**

### Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10%
Owner Other

BURNS URSULA M C/O AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY 200 VESEY STREET NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001



### **Signatures**

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

05/13/2015

\*\*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 awarded pursuant to the Company's 2003 Share Equivalent Unit Plan for Directors 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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