

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Cox L Kevin</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>04/04/2005</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>
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(Check all applicable)

<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

(give title below) (specify below)

EVP, Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

3 WORLD FINANCIAL  
CENTER3 WORLD  
FINANCIA,Â 200 VESEY  
STREET200 VESEY STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10285

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
No securities beneficially owned.	0	D	Â

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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cox L Kevin 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER3 WORLD FINANCIA 200 VESEY STREET200 VESEY STREET NEW YORK, NY 10285	^	^	^ EVP, Human Resources	^

## Signatures

L. Kevin Cox                      04/06/2005  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

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