

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form 8-K  
April 15, 2013

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 15, 2013

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

1-7657  
(Commission File Number)

13-4922250  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center  
New York, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10285  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 640-2000

Not Applicable  
(Former name or  
former address, if  
changed since last  
report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(c) On April 15, 2013, American Express Company (the “Company”) announced the appointment of Edward P. Gilligan, age 53, as President of the Company, effective immediately. Prior to his appointment as President, Mr. Gilligan served as Vice Chairman of the Company since July 2007. A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Gilligan as President is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item Financial Statements and Exhibits  
9.01

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated April 15, 2013, announcing the appointment of Edward P. Gilligan as President of the Company.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Carol V. Schwartz  
Name: Carol V. Schwartz  
Title: Secretary

Date: April 15, 2013

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

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