

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GILLIGAN EDWARD P**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**3 WORLD FINANCIAL  
CENTER, 200 VESEY ST,  
AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10285**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

**06/03/2013**

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)  
**President, American Express Co**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	06/03/2013		M		165,648 A \$ 45.768	344,542	D
Common Stock	06/03/2013		M		150,000 A \$ 51.865	494,542	D
Common Stock	06/03/2013		M		100,000 A \$ 16.71	594,542	D
Common Stock	06/03/2013		S <sup>(1)</sup>		373,168 D \$ 76.0103	221,374	D
	06/03/2013		S <sup>(3)</sup>		42,478 D	178,896	D

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Common Stock						\$ 76.2713 <u>(4)</u>		
Common Stock	06/03/2013		G V	3,315	D	<u>(5)</u>	175,581	D
Common Stock							1,637	I <u>(6)</u>
								401(k) Trust

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 (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.768	06/03/2013		M	165,648	01/24/2006 <sup>(7)</sup>	01/23/2015	Common Stock	165,648
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.865	06/03/2013		M	150,000	01/23/2007 <sup>(7)</sup>	01/23/2016	Common Stock	150,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.71	06/03/2013		M	100,000	01/29/2010 <sup>(8)</sup>	01/28/2019	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

GILLIGAN EDWARD P  
3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER  
200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER  
NEW YORK, NY 10285

President, American Express Co

## Signatures

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs,  
attorney-in-fact

06/04/2013

\_\_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 reported disposition represents the sale of shares to cover the cost of exercise and withholding tax obligations arising from the stock option exercises reported above and the sale of 50% of the net shares acquired from these exercises; the reporting person will retain the balance of the net shares in accordance with the Company's retention guidelines for executive officers.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$75.66 to \$76.48. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Express Company, any security holder of American Express 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.

(3) The reported disposition represents the sale of shares acquired from restricted stock vestings and/or stock option exercises in prior years.

(4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$76.13 to \$76.37. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Express Company, any security holder of American Express 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.

(5) The reported disposition was a bona fide charitable gift.

(6) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Retirement 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.

(7) These options became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."

(8) Of the 100,000 options exercised, 82,436 became exercisable on 1/29/2012; the balance became exercisable on 1/29/2011.

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