### TAICLET JAMES D JR

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TAICLET JAMES D JR |                                 |               | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/<br>[AMT] |                                    |     |                                             |        | -6          | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  (Check all applicable)                                                                    |                                                          |                                                                   |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------|--------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)  116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE               |                                 |               | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2009                         |                                    |     |                                             |        |             | _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)                                                                           |                                                          |                                                                   |  |
| BOSTON,                                                      | (Street) MA 02116               |               | 4. If Ame<br>Filed(Mon                                                              |                                    |     | te Original                                 |        |             | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                                          |                                                                   |  |
| (City)                                                       | (State)                         | (Zip)         | Tabl                                                                                | le I - No                          | n-D | erivative S                                 | Securi | ities Acqu  | iired, Disposed of                                                                                                                             | f, or Beneficial                                         | y Owned                                                           |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                         | 2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea | ar) Execution | med<br>on Date, if<br>Day/Year)                                                     | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8 | 8)  | 4. Securiti<br>n(A) or Dis<br>(Instr. 3, 4) | sposed | of (D)      | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                             | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                   | 12/17/2009                      |               |                                                                                     | M                                  | •   | 66,888                                      | A      |             | 81,649                                                                                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                                   |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                   | 12/17/2009                      |               |                                                                                     | M                                  |     | 9,523                                       | A      | \$ 10.5     | 91,172                                                                                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                                   |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                   | 12/17/2009                      |               |                                                                                     | M                                  |     | 8,257                                       | A      | \$<br>12.11 | 99,429                                                                                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                                   |  |
| Class A<br>Common                                            | 12/17/2009                      |               |                                                                                     | M                                  |     | 5,509                                       | A      | \$<br>18.15 | 104,938                                                                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                                   |  |

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#### Stock

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code V                                | (A) (D)                                                                                   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                         | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | \$ 5.98                                                               | 12/17/2009                              |                                                             | M                                     | 66,888                                                                                    | <u>(1)</u>                                               | 11/07/2011         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                    | 66,888                              |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | \$ 10.5                                                               | 12/17/2009                              |                                                             | M                                     | 9,523                                                                                     | (2)                                                      | 11/17/2013         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                    | 9,523                               |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | \$ 12.11                                                              | 12/17/2009                              |                                                             | M                                     | 8,257                                                                                     | (3)                                                      | 03/04/2014         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                    | 8,257                               |
| Option to<br>purchase<br>Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | \$ 18.15                                                              | 12/17/2009                              |                                                             | M                                     | 5,509                                                                                     | <u>(4)</u>                                               | 04/01/2015         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                    | 5,509                               |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |

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TAICLET JAMES D JR 116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02116 Chairman,
President and
CEO

## **Signatures**

/s/ Mneesha O. Nahata, as attorney-in-fact

12/21/2009

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\*\*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) This option was granted pursuant to the 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning November 7, 2002.
- (2) This option was granted pursuant to the 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning November 17, 2004.
- (3) This option was granted pursuant to the 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 4, 2005.
- (4) This option was granted pursuant to the 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning April 1, 2006.

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