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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Kearns Mark

(Last)

(First) (Middle) Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/30/2010

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/ [AMT]

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) VP Finance and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

BOSTON, MAÂ 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE

(Street)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

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 (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise

Price of

Derivative

5. Derivative

Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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Option to purchase Class A Common Stock	(1)	06/01/2020	Class A Common Stock	13,667	\$ 39.84	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	4,707	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Transfer and the same	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Kearns Mark 116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02116	Â	Â	VP Finance and Treasurer	Â		

Signatures

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

10/08/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning June 1, 2011.
- (2) This Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) was granted pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and vests in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning June 1, 2011.
- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.

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