#### AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* PARENT LOUISE M

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

Director

3 WORLD FINANCIAL

CENTER, 200 VESEY ST.

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2010

10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

EVP, General Counsel

AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10285

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported (A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Owned

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** 

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Yea		Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.1	01/26/2010		A		98,425		01/26/2011(1)	01/26/2020	Common Stock	98,4

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PARENT LOUISE M 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285

EVP, General Counsel

### **Signatures**

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs, attorney-in-fact 01/28/2010

\*\*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) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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