

DAVIDSON SPENCER  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
DAVIDSON SPENCER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC, 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/26/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

(Street)  
NEW YORK, NY 10017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
11/26/2008

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	11/26/2008		P		6,600	A	\$ 15 627,512	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock							533,266	I	By Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock							34,196	I	By Thrift Plan Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
5.95% Preferred							87,400	I	By Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>



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