

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO

Form 4

November 15, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WINGERT KEVIN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**5000 WESTOWN PARKWAY,
SUITE 440**

(Street)

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

**AMERICAN EQUITY
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING
CO [AEL]**

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

11/13/2006

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) Vice President

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/13/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 3.33	130,619	D	
Common Stock	11/14/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 3.33	145,619	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2006		F		14,400	D	\$ 13	131,219	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2006		F		600	D	\$ 13.01	130,619	D	
	11/14/2006		F		6,400	D		124,219	D	

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Common Stock					\$ 13.05		
Common Stock	11/14/2006	F	7,900	D	\$ 13.06	116,319	D
Common Stock	11/14/2006	F	700	D	\$ 13.07	115,619	D

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Options- Right to Buy	\$ 3.33	11/13/2006		M	15,000	12/01/1996 12/01/2006	Common Stock 15,000
Options - Right to Buy	\$ 3.33	11/14/2006		M	15,000	12/01/1996 12/01/2006	Common Stock 15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WINGERT KEVIN R 5000 WESTOWN PARKWAY, SUITE 440 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	X		Vice President	

Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney
11/15/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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