#### AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

Form 4 April 19, 2013

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* SCHICK THOMAS A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

**OMB APPROVAL** 

Other (specify

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2005

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Issuer

below)

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

04/19/2013

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

X\_ Officer (give title

3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, 200 VESEY ST. AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

EVP-Corp. Affairs

Applicable Line) Filed(Month/Day/Year)

or

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10285

(City)

Stock

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) 1. Title of 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) **Following** or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 04/19/2013 M 115,000 A 144,745.537 D Stock 51.865 Common 04/19/2013  $S^{(1)}$ \$ 65.4 D 109,854 D 34,891.537

Common 04/19/2013  $S^{(2)}$ 5.146 D \$ 65.4 29,745.537 D Stock

By Common  $I^{(3)}$ 401(k) 1.120.98 Stock Plan

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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. Transactic Code (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 Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Nun Shar
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.865	04/19/2013		M		115,000	01/23/2007(4)	01/23/2016	Common Stock	115

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHICK THOMAS A 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285

**EVP-Corp.** Affairs

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs, attorney-in-fact

04/19/2013

\*\*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).
- The reported disposition represents the sale of shares to cover the cost of exercise and withholding tax obligations arising from the stock
- (1) option exercise reported above and the sale of 50% of the net shares acquired from this exercise; the reporting person will retain the balance of the net shares in accordance with the Company's retention guidelines for executive officers.
- (2) The reported disposition represents the sale of shares acquired from restricted stock vestings and/or stock option exercises in prior years.
- (3) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Retirement Savings Plan. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.

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(4) These options became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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