

AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HESS WILLIAM H**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE**  
  
(Street)

**BOSTON, MA 02116**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/ [AMT]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/24/2012**

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)  
**EVP, Int'l. Operations**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/24/2012		M	3,174 A \$ 31.5	8,968 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2012		M	2,665 A \$ 37.52	11,633	D	
Common Stock					5,095	I	By GRATs

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 31.5	02/24/2012		M	3,174	<sup>(2)</sup> 03/01/2016	Common Stock	3,174
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 37.52	02/24/2012		M	2,665	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/15/2017	Common Stock	2,665

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HESS WILLIAM H 116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02116			EVP, Int'l. Operations	

## Signatures

/s/ Mneesha O. Nahata, as attorney-in-fact  
02/28/2012  
\*\*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).
- As a result of a computational error, the amount of securities reported as beneficially owned on the Form 4 filed by the reporting person
- (1) on September 20, 2011 was overstated by 20 shares. The amount of securities reported as beneficially owned on this Form 4 has been adjusted accordingly.
  - (2) This option was granted pursuant to the 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 1, 2007.

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- (3) This option was granted pursuant to the 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 15, 2008.

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