

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
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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 \*  
Cox L Kevin

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10285

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

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

10/18/2013

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)  
Chief Human Resources Officer

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/18/2013		M			62,500	A	\$ 51.865	102,468	D	
Common Stock	10/18/2013		S <sup>(1)</sup>			57,168	D	\$ 79.9878	45,300	D	
Common Stock	10/18/2013		S <sup>(3)</sup>			9,569	D	\$ 79.9878	35,731 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock									50.1	I <sup>(5)</sup>	by 401(k) Trust

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.865	10/18/2013		M	62,500	01/23/2007 <sup>(6)</sup> 01/23/2016	Common Stock	62,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cox L Kevin 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285			Chief Human Resources Officer	

## Signatures

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

10/18/2013

\_\_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 price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$79.80 to \$80.10. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Express Company, any security holder of American Express Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at

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each separate price within this range.

- (3) The reported disposition represents the sale of shares acquired from the vesting of restricted stock on May 18, 2012.
- (4) Includes shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.
- (5) 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.
- (6) One half of the options exercised became exercisable on 1/23/2007; the second half became exercisable on 1/23/2008.

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