

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**ANNUAL 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. 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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2006

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 Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	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)**

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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
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 10.77	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/30/2005 12/31/2014	Common Stock	20,0
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 11	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/10/2004 06/10/2014	Common Stock	20,0
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 9	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/04/2003 12/04/2013	Common Stock	20,0
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 9.67	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/29/2000 12/29/2010	Common Stock	45,0
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 9.67	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/05/2000 05/05/2010	Common Stock	15,0
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 7.33	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/14/1999 04/14/2009	Common Stock	19,5
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 4	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/10/1997 06/10/2007	Common Stock	3,0

## 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	Â X	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney 02/09/2007

\*\*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).

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