

LINDNER CARL H  
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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 \*  
LINDNER CARL H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/25/2004

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Chairman of the Board

ONE EAST FOURTH STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	05/19/2004		J	V 449 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 29.557 0 <sup>(2)</sup>		D	
Common Stock	05/10/2004		G	V 5 D \$ 0 8,329,671		I	Indirect #1 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	05/21/2004		G	V 25 D \$ 0 8,330,995		I	Indirect #1 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	10/25/2004		P	35,000 A \$ 28.0377 8,365,995		I	Indirect #1 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	10/25/2004		P	38,874 <sup>(4)</sup> A \$ 26.785 8,403,969 <sup>(2)</sup>		I	Indirect #1 <sup>(3)</sup>

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Common Stock	10/25/2004	P	1,623 (4)	A	\$ 26.785	349,401 (2)	I	Indirect #2 (5)
Common Stock	10/25/2004	P	5,740 (4)	A	\$ 26.785	1,235,796 (2)	I	Indirect #3 (6)
Common Stock						0 (2)	I	Indirect #5 (7)
Common Stock						0 (2)	I	Indirect #6 (8)
Common Stock	10/25/2004	P	6,165 (4)	A	\$ 26.785	1,327,270 (2)	I	Indirect #7 (9)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDNER CARL H ONE EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X	X	Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

Carl H. Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact  
10/26/2004

\_\_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).

(1) Distribution from the reporting person's retirement account.

On 4/6/2004 Indirect #3 transferred 174,195 to Indirect #2. On 4/29/2004, Indirect #5 transferred 164,128 shares to Indirect #1 and Indirect #5 transferred 373,651 to Indirect #6. On 5/3/2004, Indirect #2 transferred 1,321,105 shares to Indirect #7. On 5/4/2004, Indirect #2 transferred 3,906,865 to Indirect #1 and Indirect #6 transferred 373,651 shares to Indirect #1. On 6/14/2004, the Reporting Person transferred 449 shares to Indirect #1. On 7/9/2004, Indirect #3 transferred 170,949 to Indirect #2. On 10/4/2004, Indirect #3 transferred 176,829 to Indirect #2.

(3) Indirect #1: By Carl H. Lindner Jr., et al, Trustees for the Carl H. Lindner Amended and Restated Family Trust dated 12/23/83.

(4) These shares were purchased through the Company Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(5) Indirect #2: By Edyth B. Lindner, Spouse.

(6) Indirect #3: By Lou Ann Flint, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner 2002-2 Qualified Annuity Trust U/A dated 8/19/02.

(7) Indirect #5: Indiana Premier Fund, LLC, a limited liability company directly or indirectly wholly-owned by the Reporting Person.

(8) Indirect #6: New Energy

(9) Indirect #7: EBL, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner Family Trust dtd 4/13/04.

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