

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

Form 4

January 26, 2012

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHENAULT KENNETH I

(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)

01/24/2012

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) below)

Chief Executive Officer

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

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)
Common Stock	03/08/2011		G	V 340 D \$ 0	865,154	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2011		G	V 997 D \$ 0	864,157	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2011		G	V 498 D \$ 0	863,659	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2011		G	V 3,988 D \$ 0	859,671	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2011		G	V 7,976 D \$ 0	851,695	D	

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Common Stock	05/06/2011	G	V	4,985	D	\$ 0	846,710	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2011	G	V	3,998	D	\$ 0	842,712	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2011	G	V	500	D	\$ 0	842,212	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2011	G	V	1,639	D	\$ 0	840,573	D	
Common Stock							85,220	I	By Wife
Common Stock							10,921	I	Wife As Trustee/custodian
Common Stock							22,972.47 (1)	I	By 401(k) Plan

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.23	01/24/2012		A	123,706	01/24/2013 ⁽²⁾ 01/23/2022	Common Stock 123

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CHENAULT KENNETH I 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER	X Chief Executive Officer

200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER
NEW YORK, NY 10285

Signatures

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

01/26/2012

__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).
- (1) 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.
- (2) These shares become exercisable in four cumulative annual installments of 25% each beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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