

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
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**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

(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)

02/04/2014

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  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/04/2014		M		62,500 A \$ 51.865	106,255	D
Common Stock	02/04/2014		M		62,500 A \$ 57.77	168,755	D
Common Stock	02/04/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>		114,580 D \$ 83.9062	54,175	D
Common Stock	02/04/2014		S <sup>(3)</sup>		25,820 D \$ 83.9062	28,355	D

Common Stock 50.33 I <sup>(4)</sup> by 401(k) Trust

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.865	02/04/2014		M	62,500	01/23/2009 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/23/2016	Common Stock	62,500	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 57.77	02/04/2014		M	62,500	01/25/2008 <sup>(6)</sup> 01/24/2017	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 02/06/2014

\*\*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) The reported disposition represents the sale of shares to cover the cost of exercise and withholding tax obligations arising from the stock option exercises reported above and the sale of 50% of the net shares acquired from these exercises; 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 \$83.87 to \$83.97. 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 each separate price within this range.

(3) The reported disposition represents the sale of shares acquired from restricted stock vestings and/or stock option exercises in prior years.

(4) 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.

(5) One half of the options exercised became exercisable on 1/23/2009 and the other half on 1/23/2010.

(6) One half of the options exercised became exercisable on 1/23/2008 and the other half on 1/23/2009.

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