

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO

Form 5/A

April 11, 2005

FORM 5**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
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5 obligations
may continue.See Instruction
1(b).Form 3 Holdings
Reported
Form 4
Transactions
Reported**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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response... 1.01. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MORRIS BENJAMIN T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

600 TRAVIS, SUITE 3100

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(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)
12/31/20034. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)
02/13/20045. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
(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) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of
securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.**Persons who respond to the collection of information
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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Am Underlying Sec
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)					
				(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title			
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 9	12/04/2003	Â	A	1,000	Â	12/04/2003	12/04/2013	Common		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORRIS BENJAMIN T 600 TRAVIS, SUITE 3100 HOUSTON, TX 77002	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney

04/11/2005

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) Price of Derivative Security is being amended to reflect the correct price as \$0.00.

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