

WINGERT KEVIN R
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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)
12/31/2005

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 | 113,682 | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|------------------|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Options-Right to Buy | \$ 10.77 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 06/30/2005 | 12/31/2014 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Options-Right to Buy | \$ 11 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 06/10/2004 | 06/10/2014 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Options-Right to Buy | \$ 9 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 12/04/2003 | 12/04/2013 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Options-Right to Buy | \$ 9.67 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 12/29/2000 | 12/29/2010 | Common Stock | 45,000 |
| Options-Right to Buy | \$ 9.67 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 05/05/2000 | 05/05/2010 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Options-Right to Buy | \$ 7.33 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 04/14/1999 | 04/14/2009 | Common Stock | 19,500 |
| Options-Right to Buy | \$ 4 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 06/10/1997 | 06/10/2007 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Options-Right to Buy | \$ 3.33 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 12/01/1996 | 12/01/2006 | Common Stock | 30,000 |

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
02/09/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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