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July 26, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 26, 2004

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York	1-7657	13-4922250
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center New York, New York	10285
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 640-2000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE; AND ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The following information is furnished under Item 9 - Regulation FD Disclosure and Item 12 - Results of Operations and Financial Condition:

On July 26, 2004, American Express Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the second quarter of 2004. A copy of such press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference. In addition, in conjunction with the announcement of its financial results, American Express Company distributed

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additional financial information relating to its 2004 second quarter financial results and a 2004 Second Quarter Earnings Supplement. Such additional financial information and the 2004 Second Quarter Earnings Supplement are attached to this report as Exhibits 99.2 and 99.3, respectively, and each is hereby incorporated by reference.

### EXHIBIT

- 99.1 Press Release, dated July 26, 2004, of American Express Company announcing its financial results for the second quarter of 2004.
- 99.2 Additional financial information relating to the financial results of American Express Company for the second quarter of 2004.
- 99.3 2004 Second Quarter Earnings Supplement of American Express Company.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
(REGISTRANT)

/s/ Stephen P. Norman  
Name: Stephen P. Norman  
Title: Secretary

DATE: July 26, 2004

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