AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO Form 8-K January 18, 2007

# UNITED STATES 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): January 16, 2007

## **AMERICAN EQUITY**

## INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**IOWA** 

(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-31911

(Commission File Number)

42-1447959

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines,

Iowa

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

50266

(515) 221-0002

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

#### NOT APPLICABLE

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### **Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

Attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the Press Release issued by the American Equity Investment Life Holding Company on January 16, 2007 announcing fourth quarter 2006 sales, and scheduling quarterly earnings release, conference call and webcast for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2006.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 16, 2007

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#### **SIGNATURES**

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

Date: January 18, 2007

## AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

By: /s/ Wendy L. Carlson

Wendy L. Carlson

Chief Financial Officer and

General Counsel

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 16, 2007

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