

Squeri Stephen J  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Squeri Stephen J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3 WORLD FINANCIAL  
 CENTER, 200 VESEY ST,  
 AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER  
 (Street)  
 NEW YORK, NY 10285  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/29/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Group Pres., Global Services

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/29/2012		M		75,399 A \$ 43.977	215,086	D
Common Stock	02/29/2012		M		52,364 A \$ 16.71	267,450	D
Common Stock	02/29/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		114,333 D \$ 53.5806	153,117	D
Common Stock						4,727	I 401(k) Trust <sup>(3)</sup>



## Explanation of Responses:

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(1) The reported disposition represents the sale of shares to cover the cost of exercise and withholding tax obligations arising from the stock options exercises reported above and the sale of 50% of the net shares acquired from these exercises; Mr. Squeri will retain the balance of the net shares in accordance with the Company's retention guidelines for executive officers, resulting in a net increase in his beneficial holdings of 13,430 shares.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$53.30 to \$53.82. 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) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Incentive 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.

(4) These options became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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