

Gupta Ashwini  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Gupta Ashwini

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3 WORLD FINANCIAL  
CENTER, 200 VESEY ST.,  
AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10285

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

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

05/03/2012

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)  
Pres-Risk/Info Mgmt/Banking Gp

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership: Beneficial or Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/03/2012		M		71,971	A	\$ 29.239 143,668
Common Stock	05/03/2012		M		19,421	A	\$ 39.876 163,089
Common Stock	05/03/2012		M		51,408	A	\$ 39.907 214,497
Common Stock	05/03/2012		M		142,800	A	\$ 43.977 357,297
Common Stock	05/03/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>		258,177	D	\$ 99,120 60.9001

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Common Stock	18,253 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	by 401(k) Trust
Common Stock	1,060	I	by family trust

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)

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)	Amount of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.239	05/03/2012		M	71,971	01/27/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/26/2013	Common Stock	71	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.876	05/03/2012		M	19,421	07/28/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 07/27/2013	Common Stock	19	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.907	05/03/2012		M	51,408	10/01/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/30/2013	Common Stock	51	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.977	05/03/2012		M	142,800	01/26/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/25/2014	Common Stock	142	

