

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
November 26, 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): **November 19, 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)

**50266**  
(Zip Code)

**(515) 221-0002**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**NOT APPLICABLE**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On November 19, 2007, American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the approval by its Board of Directors of a share repurchase program. A copy of the press release is attached as an exhibit to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference. The information in this Current Report, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated November 19, 2007.

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

Date: November 19, 2007

**AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE  
HOLDING COMPANY**

By:                    /s/ Wendy L. Carlson  
                            Wendy L. Carlson  
                            Chief Financial Officer and General  
                            Counsel

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated November 19, 2007