Chapman Joyce Ann Form 4 June 10, 2011

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Chapman Joyce Ann

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING

CO [AEL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 06/09/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY

(Street)

(First)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

(State) (City) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4 5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** 

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** 

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Y	ear)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code V	(A) (D	) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options - Right to Buy	\$ 12.26	06/09/2011		A	15,000	06/09/2014	06/08/2021	Common Stock	15,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Chapman Joyce Ann 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	X					

# **Signatures**

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney 06/10/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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