STRICKLAND ALONZO A J J

Form 4 June 10, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STRICKLAND ALONZO A J J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

OMB APPROVAL

10% Owner

Other (specify

3235-0287

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Symbol

AMERICAN EQUITY

INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING

(Check all applicable)

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

06/09/2011

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

below)

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY

(State) (City) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (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 Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 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 (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | (A) ed of | (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 | | (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 | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| 1 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| STRICKLAND ALONZO A J J 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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