

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
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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 \*  
 RICHARDSON DEBRA J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/18/2014

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP & Secretary

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount	Price			
Common Stock	06/18/2014		M		20,000	A \$ 10.77	245,798	D	
Common Stock	06/18/2014		S		2,113	D \$ 24.75	243,685	D	
Common Stock	06/18/2014		S		500	D \$ 24.76	243,185	D	
Common Stock	06/18/2014		S		100	D \$ 24.765	243,085	D	
Common Stock	06/18/2014		S		4,700	D \$ 24.77	238,385	D	

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Common Stock	06/18/2014	S	1,200	D	\$ 24.775	237,185	D
Common Stock	06/18/2014	S	2,800	D	\$ 24.78	234,385	D
Common Stock	06/18/2014	S	300	D	\$ 24.785	234,085	D
Common Stock	06/18/2014	S	6,514	D	\$ 24.79	227,571	D
Common Stock	06/18/2014	S	200	D	\$ 24.795	227,371	D
Common Stock	06/18/2014	S	873	D	\$ 24.8	226,498	D
Common Stock	06/18/2014	S	700	D	\$ 42.805	225,798	D

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Options - Right to Buy	\$ 10.77	06/18/2014		M	20,000	06/30/2005 12/31/2014	Common Stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICHARDSON DEBRA J 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY	X		Executive VP &	

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

Secretary

## Signatures

Debra J.

Richardson

06/19/2014

\_\_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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