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(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Johnson Ted Morris			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) 5000 WEST SUITE 440	TOWN PARKWA	Middle) AY,	CO [AEL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2009				below)	ive title 0% Owner below) President-Controller			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 				
WEST DES	S MOINES, IA 50)266						Form filed by Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities A	cquired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		on Date, if Trans Code Day/Year) (Instr		4. Securities ionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or 7 Amount (D) Price) 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect	
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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Reporting Owners

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options - Right to Buy	\$ 7	05/08/2009		А	20,000	05/08/2012	05/08/2019	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Johnson Ted Morris 5000 WESTOWN PARKWAY, SUITE 440 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266			Vice President-Controller			

Signatures

Ted M. Johnson	06/16/2009
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<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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