

AMERICAN EXPRESS 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 \*  
**HAYES JOHN D**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**3 WORLD FINANCIAL  
CENTER, 200 VESEY ST,  
AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10285**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**11/13/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP, Advertising**

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	11/13/2006		M		\$ 171,360 31.941	250,547	D
Common Stock	11/13/2006		M		\$ 100,000 29.239	350,547	D
Common Stock	11/13/2006		S		\$ 72,000 58.91	278,547	D
Common Stock	11/13/2006		S		\$ 42,000 58.92	236,547	D
Common Stock	11/13/2006		S		\$ 10,000 58.93	226,547	D

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Common Stock	11/13/2006	S	34,900	D	\$ 58.94	191,647	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2006	S	19,700	D	\$ 58.95	171,947	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2006	S	23,800	D	\$ 58.96	148,147	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2006	S	4,600	D	\$ 58.97	143,547	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2006	S	14,600	D	\$ 58.98	128,947	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2006	S	7,000	D	\$ 58.99	121,947	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2006	S	6,502	D	\$ 59	115,445	D	
Common Stock	11/14/2006	S	14,210	D	\$ 58.89	101,235	D	
Common Stock						2,653	I	By Isp Trust

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.941	11/13/2006		M	171,360	01/28/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/27/2012	Common Stock	171,360
Employee Stock Option	\$ 29.239	11/13/2006		M	100,000	01/27/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/26/2013	Common Stock	100,000

(Right to Buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAYES JOHN D 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285				EVP, Advertising

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen P. Norman,  
attorney-in-fact

11/15/2006

\_\_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).
- (1) These options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on the date shown as "Date Exercisable."
  - (2) 42,554 of these options became exercisable on 1/27/2004, 42,555 on 1/27/2005, and the balance became exercisable on 1/27/2006.

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