O'Neill Michael John Form 4 January 30, 2018

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 Re O'Neill Michael John	eporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER		(Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2018	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Corp Affairs & Comm		
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
NEW YORK, NY 102	285-5001	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	01/26/2018		A <u>(1)</u>	6,666	A	\$ 99.69	49,709.937	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2018		F(2)	2,587	D	\$ 99.69	47,122.937 (3)	D	
Common Stock							1,039.14 (4)	I	by 401(k) Plan

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 83.3	01/26/2018		A(5)	6,666	01/26/2018	01/26/2025	Common Stock	6,666

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

O'Neill Michael John

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NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

EVP, Corp Affairs & Comm

Signatures

/s/ Tangela S. Richter,

attorney-in-fact 01/30/2018

**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) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of Restricted Stock Units that were granted to the reporting person in January 2015 and have vested based on the Company's 2015-17 return on average equity performance.
- (2) The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) Includes shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Retirement Savings Plan. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.

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The reported acquisition represents the vesting of Stock Options that were granted to the reporting person in January 2015. These options became exercisable on January 26, 2018 based on the Company's positive cumulative net income over the three year performance period.

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