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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Squeri Stephen J		(Month/Day/Year)	AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		05/02/2005		
200 VESEY STREET			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) EVP, Chief Information Officer	
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10285			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	63,779	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/23/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/22/2008	Common Stock	23,800	\$ 29.302	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/23/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/22/2008	Common Stock	9,100	\$ 29.302	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/22/2001 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/21/2009	Common Stock	21,000	\$ 35.292	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/28/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/27/2010	Common Stock	24,000	\$ 43.667	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/24/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	07/23/2010	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 57.969	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/26/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/25/2011	Common Stock	65,000	\$ 44.465	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	11/18/2001	02/25/2006	Common Stock	7,973	\$ 43.755	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/28/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/27/2012	Common Stock	70,000	\$ 36.49	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/27/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/26/2013	Common Stock	63,000	\$ 33.403	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/26/2003	02/23/2007	Common Stock	7,420	\$ 42.42	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/26/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/25/2014	Common Stock	66,000	\$ 50.24	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	08/19/2004	02/22/2008	Common Stock	5,209	\$ 53.565	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	08/19/2004	07/27/2007	Common Stock	2,011	\$ 53.565	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	08/19/2004	02/23/2007	Common Stock	689	\$ 53.565	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/29/2005	02/22/2008	Common Stock	16,481	\$ 51.065	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/24/2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/23/2015	Common Stock	23,000	\$ 52.285	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/24/2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/23/2015	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 52.285	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Squeri Stephen J  
200 VESEY STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10285

^ ^ ^ EVP, Chief Information Officer ^

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen P. Norman,  
Attorney-In-Fact

05/10/2005

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) 8,200 of these options became exercisable on 2/23/2003; the balance became exercisable on 2/23/2004.
- (2) 3,600 of these options became exercisable on 2/23/2000; the balance became exercisable on 2/23/2001.
- (3) These options will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date shown as "Date Exercisable" subject to continuous employment.
- (4) These options will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the date shown as "Date Exercisable" subject to continuous employment.

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### Remarks:

Exhibit List

Exhibit 24 Squeri Power of Attorney

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