

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Johnson Ted Morris2. 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)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

CFO &amp; Treasurer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY  
(Street)3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/21/20144. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Common Stock                       | 03/21/2014                              |   | M                                 | 15,000 A   | \$ 11 42,991  | D   |                                      |
| Common Stock                       | 03/21/2014                              |   | S                                 | 15,000 D   | \$ 25 27,991  | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|-----|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code                                    | V  | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Options<br>- Right<br>to Buy                        | \$ 11   | 03/21/2014                              |   | M                                       |  | 15,000   |     | 06/10/2004  | 06/10/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 15,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| Johnson Ted Morris<br>6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY<br>WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266 |               |           | CFO &<br>Treasurer |       |

## Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney  
03/24/2014

\_\_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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