

Cox L Kevin
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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 *
 Cox L Kevin

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 WORLD FINANCIAL
 CENTER, 200 VESEY ST,
 AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/18/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Human Resources

NEW YORK, NY 10285

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/18/2011		M		25,434	A	\$ 16.71 123,402
Common Stock	02/18/2011		S		16,860 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 45.311 106,542 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	02/18/2011		S		5,713	D	\$ 45.311 100,829 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	02/18/2011		G	V	1,800	D	<u>(3)</u> 99,029

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- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$45.25 to \$45.34. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Express Company, any security holder of American Express Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
- (3) Bona fide charitable gift.
- (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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