## RUNK FRED J Form 4 April 18, 2003 FORM 4 OMB APPROVAL U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 [] Check this OMB Number box if no longer 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, subject to 2005 Section 16. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Estimated average burden Form 4 hours per or Form 5 Filed pursuant to section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the response 0.5 obligations Public Utilities continue. See Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Instruction l (b) (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 6. Relationship of **Reporting Person** Reporting Person to Issuer AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (AFG) (Check all Runk Fred J applicable) (Last) (First) 3. IRS Ide vitididation, 4. Number of Reporting Director 10% Owner Person, if an entity (Voluntary) Statement for Month/Day/Year One East Fourth Street April 18, 2003 X\_Officer Other (specify (give below) title below) (Street) 5. If Amendment Senior Vice President & Treasurer Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 7. Individual or Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person \_Form filed by More than One Reporting Person \_Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) Table I - No Ziperivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned (State 1. Title of Security 3. Trans-2. Trans-2A. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amou6t Owne7-. Nature action (Instr. 3) action Deemed (A) of of Inship Date Execution Code or Disposed of (D) Securitie Form: Direct Date, if (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3,4 and 5) Benefici Divect Beneany Owned Followin(D) or (Month/ Ficial (Month/ ReportedIndirect Owner-Day/ Day/ (A) V Amount or Price Transact(d)ns Year) Year) Code ship

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				(D)		(Instr. 3 (Instr. and 4) 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	4/18/03	Р	62	А	\$19.41	241,538	D	
Common Stock						6,338.55	Ι	In ESPP Account (a)
Common Stock						1,356	Ι	In DRIP Plan (b)

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly

\*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v)

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
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	2	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)				Date	Expiration		Amount or	(Instr. 5)	icially Owned at End of
				Code	V (A	) (D)	Exercisable	Date		Number of Shares		Month (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

(a)

These shares were allocated to the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of December 31, 2002.

SEC 1474 (9-02)

These shares were held in the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan as of December 31, 2002.

\*\* Intentional mistatements or omissions Fred J. Runk of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See

<u>April 18,</u> 2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Date Fred J. Runk

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

If space provided is insufficient, see instruction 6 for procedure.