

CHENAULT KENNETH I

Form 4

January 28, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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may continue.  
See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHENAULT KENNETH I

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER, 3  
WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

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

01/26/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Shares                   | 01/26/2005                           | 01/26/2005                                         | F <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 2,023  | D \$ 53.08       | 1,276,850                                                                                     | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 14,903                                                                                        | I                                                        | By GRAT II                                            |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 17,555                                                                                        | I                                                        | By ISP Trust <sup>(2)</sup>                           |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 40,764                                                                                        | I                                                        | By trust for children                                 |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 27,600                                                                                        | I                                                        | By Wife                                               |

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|------------------|--------|---|------------------------------|
| Common<br>Shares | 43,211 | I | Wife as<br>trustee/custodian |
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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. 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. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                      | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| CHENAULT KENNETH I<br>AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER<br>3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

Kenneth I.  
Chenault

01/28/2005

                     \*\*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) The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of restricted stock.
- (2) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Incentive Savings Plan as of December 31, 2004. 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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