

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
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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 O'Neill Michael John		(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)
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, Corp Affairs & Comm	
NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10285-5001			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	25,061	D	Â
Common Stock	989	I	by 401(k) Plan <sup>(1)</sup>

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

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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/25/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/25/2017	Common Stock	16,600	\$ 57.77	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/31/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/31/2018	Common Stock	37,500	\$ 49.13	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/29/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/29/2019	Common Stock	8,379	\$ 16.71	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/26/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/26/2020	Common Stock	15,749	\$ 38.1	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/27/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/27/2021	Common Stock	13,472	\$ 44.54	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/30/2013	10/30/2019	Common Stock	43,054	\$ 34.84	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/24/2013 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/24/2022	Common Stock	12,188	\$ 49.23	D	Â
Phantom Stock Units	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	635	\$ <sup>(6)</sup>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
O'Neill Michael John 200 VESEY STREET NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001	Â	Â	Â EVP, Corp Affairs & Comm	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs,  
attorney-in-fact

10/01/2014

\_\_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) 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.
- (2) 7,450 of these options became exercisable on January 25, 2010 and 9,150 of these options became exercisable on January 25, 2011.
- (3) These options became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."
- (4) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the date shown as "Date Exercisable."
- (5) The units are to be settled following the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (6) The phantom stock converts into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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**Remarks:**

ExhibitÂ List:Â Â ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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