

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 RICHARDSON DEBRA J

2. 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)  
 Executive VP & Secretary

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/29/2015

4. 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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					226,521	D	
Common Stock					8,407	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	06/29/2015		S	1,000 D	\$ 26.8736	8,380 <sup>(1)</sup>	I Shares are owned by trusts to which Mrs. Richardson is trustee.

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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)

Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities. Includes sub-columns for Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, and Title Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Includes entry for RICHARDSON DEBRA J, 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY, WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266, with an 'X' in the Director column and 'Executive VP & Secretary' in the Officer column.

Signatures

Debra J. Richardson 07/01/2015
\*\*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) Since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report, she resigned as trustee of three trusts for which she previously reported 18,663 shares as beneficially owned. The reporting person no longer reports as beneficially owned any of the securities of the three trusts.

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