

CHENAULT KENNETH I  
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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 \*  
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)

01/24/2005

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)

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 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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Shares	12/02/2004	12/02/2004	G	V 330 D \$ 0	1,206,125	D	
Common Shares	12/02/2004	12/02/2004	G	V 345 D \$ 0	1,205,780	D	
Common Shares	12/08/2004	12/08/2004	G	3,600 D \$ 0	1,202,180	D	
Common Shares	01/24/2005	01/24/2005	A <sup>(1)</sup>	17,213 A \$ 0	1,219,393	D	
Common Shares	01/24/2005	01/24/2005	A <sup>(1)</sup>	19,125 A \$ 0	1,238,518	D	

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Common Shares	01/24/2005	01/24/2005	A <sup>(2)</sup>	40,355	A	\$ 0	1,278,873 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Shares							14,903	I	By GRAT II
Common Shares							17,555	I	By ISP Trust <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Shares							40,764	I	By trust for children
Common Shares							27,600	I	By Wife
Common Shares	12/02/2004	12/02/2004	G	675	A	\$ 0	43,211	I	Wife as trustee/custodian

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Employee stock options (right to buy)	\$ 52.285	01/24/2005	01/24/2005	A	390,000	01/24/2006 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/24/2015	Common Shares	390,000
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	12/30/2004 <sup>(7)</sup>	12/30/2004	A	V 169	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common Shares <u>(8)</u>	169

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X		Chief Executive Officer	

