Williams Anre D Form 4 January 26, 2012

### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Williams Anre D

(Zip)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER. 200 VESEY ST., 3 WORLD

FINANCIAL CENTER

(Street)

(State)

NEW YORK, NY 10285

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

(A)

or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

X\_ Officer (give title

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

**TransactionDerivative** 

5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** 

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Pres. Global Merchant Services

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(9-02)

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Estimated average

burden hours per

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.23	01/24/2012		A		13,495		01/24/2013(1)	01/23/2022	Common Stock	13,4

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Williams Anre D AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER, 200 VESEY ST. 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10285

Pres. Global Merchant Services

# **Signatures**

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs, attorney-in-fact 01/26/2012

\*\*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) These shares become exercisable in four cumulative annual installments of 25% each beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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