#### AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

Form 4

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### FORM 4

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

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*See* Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Gupta Ashwini			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	( see approved)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER			01/29/2016	X Officer (give title Other (specification)  Pres, Risk/Info Mgmt & AXP CRO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (	Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securit Transaction(A) or Dic Code (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/29/2016		A(1)	18,193	A	\$ 53.5	138,284	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2016		F(2)	6,781	D	\$ 53.5	131,503	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2016		A(3)	16,820	A	\$ 53.5	148,323	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2016		F(2)	8,605	D	\$ 53.5	139,718	D	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of derivative Expiration Date Exercisal Expiration Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 59.45	01/29/2016(4)		A	17,612	01/29/2016	01/29/2023	Common Stock	17,612

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Gupta Ashwini 200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001			Pres, Risk/Info Mgmt & AXP CRO			

## **Signatures**

/s/ Emily T. Epstein,
attorney-in-fact 02/02/2016

\*\*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) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of Restricted Stock Units ("performance units") that were granted to the reporting person in January 2013 and have vested based on the Company's 2013-15 return on average equity performance.
- (2) The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of Restricted Stock Units that were granted to the reporting person in January 2013 and have vested based on the Company's positive cumulative net income over the three year performance period.

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(4) The reported acquisition represents the vesting of Stock Options that were granted to the reporting person in January 2013. These options became exercisable on January 29, 2016 based on the Company's positive cumulative net income over the three year performance period.

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