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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 7, 2006

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York1-765713-4922250(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation
or organization)(Commission File Number)
Identification No.)(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center	
New York, New York	10285
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 640-2000

None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 (17 CFR 230.425)
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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

American Express Company (the "Company") announced today that it has increased its return on equity target ("ROE") from 28-30% to 33-36%, on average and over time. A copy of the press release announcing the increase of the Company's ROE target is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit

99.1 Copy of press release announcing that American Express Company has increased its return on equity target.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (REGISTRANT)

By /s/ Stephen P. Norman

Name: Stephen P. Norman Title: Secretary

DATE: November 7, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

Item No.

Description

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