

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form 8-K  
November 13, 2012

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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 13, 2012

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

New York  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

1-7657  
(Commission File Number)

13-4922250  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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

10285  
(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since  
last report)

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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 8.01 Other Events

On November 13, 2012, American Express Company announced that it has commenced a private offer to exchange certain of its outstanding debt securities for new debt securities and cash. A copy of the press release containing this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated November 13, 2012, announcing the commencement of a private exchange offer.

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/ Carol V. Schwartz  
Name: Carol V. Schwartz  
Title: Secretary

Date: November 13, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

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