

VERITY WILLIAM W
Form 4
April 01, 2003

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| FORM 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations continue. See Instruction 1 (b) | U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 | OMB APPROVAL OMB Number : 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5 |
| | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utilities Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | |

(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Verity William W. | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (AFG) | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) | |
| (Last) 911 New Street | (First) William | 3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year April 1, 2003 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| (Street) Beaufort, SC 29902 | | 5. If Amendment Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

(City) (State) (Zip) **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 (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|------------|-------|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
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|--------------|--------|--|---|--|-----|---|----------|-------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 4/1/03 | | A | | 408 | A | \$19.629 | 1,153 | D | |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly

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*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or B

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 3. Transaction Date | 3A Deemed Execution Date, if any | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4) |
|--|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----|-----|---|-----------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Month/Day/Year) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Exercisable Date | Expiration Date | Title | Number of Shares | (Instr. 5) | Month |
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Explanation of Responses:

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal violations

Karl J. Grafe

April 1, 2003

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a) ** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

William W. Verity

Note: File three copies of this Form,
one of which must be manually signed

By: Karl J. Grafe, as attorney-in-fact

If space provided is insufficient, *see*
Instruction 6 for procedure

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