

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SCHICK THOMAS A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3 WORLD FINANCIAL  
CENTER, 200 VESEY ST,  
AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10285

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

01/26/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP-Corp. Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/26/2006                           |  | F(1)                           |   | 505   | D  | \$ 53.215   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 161,288   | A  | \$ 30.178   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 143,200   | D  | \$ 53.35  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 18,088  | D  | \$ 53.34  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2006                           |  | F(1)                           |   | 465   | D  | \$ 53.275   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 134,181   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 295,469   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 152,269   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 134,181   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 133,716   |

Common Stock 928 I By Isp Trust <sup>(2)</sup>

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. 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) |              |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 30.178  | 01/27/2006                           |  | M                              | 161,288   | 08/25/2002 02/23/2007                                    |   | Common Stock | 161,288              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| SCHICK THOMAS A<br>3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER<br>NEW YORK, NY 10285 |               |           | EVP-Corp. Affairs |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen P. Norman, attorney-in-fact 01/30/2006

\*\*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) The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of a restricted stock award.
  - (2) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Incentive Savings Plan. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.

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