

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC
 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 *
 Priest Jeffrey W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC., 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/14/2016

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10017

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/14/2016 | | P | | 1,550 A \$ 30.08 | 18,883 | I By Parent (2) |
| Common Stock | 11/14/2016 | | P | | 4,500 A \$ 30.08 | 48,905 | I By Power of Attorney (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 62,585 | D |

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|-----------------------|------------|--|---|-------|---|------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 10,899 | I | By Thrift Plan Trust (1) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 8,170 (2) (3) | I | By Nonprofit Trust |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | 11/15/2016 | | P | 350 | A | \$ 25.993 | 2,089 | I | By Parent (2) |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | 11/15/2016 | | P | 1,050 | A | \$ 25.993 | 14,171 | I | By Power of Attorney (2) |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | 11/14/2016 | | P | 4,300 | A | \$ 25.9023 | 7,300 (2) (3) | I | By Nonprofit Trust |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|---|
| Priest Jeffrey W GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC. | Director 10% Owner Officer President & CEO |

100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10017

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey W.
Priest

11/16/2016

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) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
 - (2) Mr. Priest has voting and dispositive power but disclaims any beneficial interest.
 - (3) Existing shares held prior to Mr. Priest being appointed Treasurer of Innisfree Foundation.

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