

BOWEN WILLIAM G  
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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 \*  
BOWEN WILLIAM G  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
AMERICAN EXPRESS  
COMPANY, 200 VESEY STREET,  
WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/06/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
  
NEW YORK, NY 10285  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	01/06/2006		M		\$ 39.309	32,570.6293	D
Common Stock						4,300	I Co-trustee
Common Stock						3,420	I By Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock						9,420	I By Spouse

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.309	01/06/2006		M	3,427	04/26/2000 04/26/2009	Common Stock	3,427

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BOWEN WILLIAM G  
AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
200 VESEY STREET, WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER  
NEW YORK, NY 10285

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## Signatures

/s/ Stephen P. Norman,  
attorney-in-fact

01/10/2006

\*\*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) On January 30, 2004, the reporting person contributed these shares of common stock to a charitable remainder trust of which the reporting person is a trustee and of which the reporting person and his wife are beneficiaries. The reporting person continues to report beneficial ownership of all of the AXP common stock held by the trust but disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his and his wife's pecuniary interest therein.

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