#### CLEMENTI CAROLE ANNE

Form 5

Common

Stock

5.95%

Preferred

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2,605

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56,691

287

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12/31/2011

12/31/2011(4)

January 24, 2012

#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 5 **OMB** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer CLEMENTI CAROLE ANNE Symbol **GENERAL AMERICAN** (Check all applicable) **INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]** (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner \_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2011 Secretary C/O GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC, Â 100 PARK **AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) NEW YORK, NYÂ 10017 \_X\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Transaction Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned at end (D) or Ownership of Issuer's Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Fiscal Year (Instr. 4) (A) (Instr. 3 and or 4) (D) Amount Price Common Â Â J(1)12/23/2011 31 1,624 D Stock 25.48

**By Thrift** 

Plan Trust

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#### Stock

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)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se Be O En Is Fi (In
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
18	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CLEMENTI CAROLE ANNE C/O GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR NEW YORK Â NYÂ 10017	Â	Â	Secretary	Â			

## **Signatures**

/s/Carole Anne 01/24/2011 Clementi \*\*Signature of Reporting Date Person

### **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) Shares received in payment of dividends.
- The securities reported herein were acquired on a periodic basis in open market transactions at the then prevailing market prices pursuant to the Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan. The information is based upon a statement as of 12/31/2011 issued by the Plan Administrator.
- By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- Shares received in payment of dividends on 3/24/11, 6/24/11, 9/26/11 and 12/27/11 (in a dividend re-investment brokerage account) at the then prevailing market price.

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