

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO
Form 5
February 14, 2006

FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FAIRBAIRN URSULA F

(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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP, Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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) (A) or Amount (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Securi (Instr.		
				(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	01/27/2005	Â	J <u>(3)</u>	13	Â	Â <u>(2)</u>	Â <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	13	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
FAIRBAIRN URSULA F 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 200 VESEY ST, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285	Â Â Â EVP, Human Resources Â

Signatures

/s/ Stephen P. Norman,
attorney-in-fact 02/14/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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(1) The phantom stock converts into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(2) The units are to be settled following the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

(3) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under the Company's Supplemental Retirement Plan.

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