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

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BARSHEFSKY CHARLENE**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Middle)

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

09/28/2007

(Check all applicable)

WILMER CUTLER PICKERING, LLP, 2445 M STREET, NW

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

WASHINGTON, DC 20037

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Security

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

Reported (A) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion

or Exercise

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

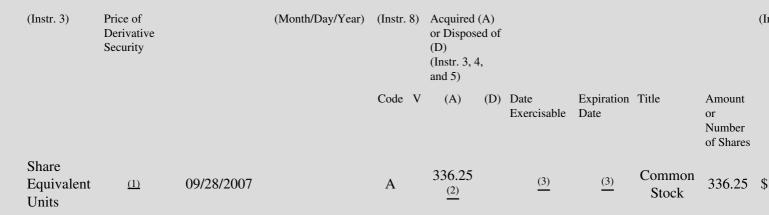
4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BARSHEFSKY CHARLENE WILMER CUTLER PICKERING, LLP 2445 M STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20037



Signatures

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

10/02/2007

**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 Share Equivalent Units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The reported Share Equivalent Units were acquired pursuant to the Company's 2003 Share Equivalent Unit Plan for Directors and will be settled in cash following termination of service as a Director.
- (3) The Share Equivalent Units are convertible immediately and have no expiration date.
- (4) Includes share equivalent units acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan and/or the 2003 Share Equivalent Unit Plan for Directors.

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