Williams Anre D Form 4 January 30, 2013

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Williams Anre D

(First)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

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

AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER, 01/29/2013

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

below) Pres. Global Merchant Services

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

NEW YORK, NY 10285

FINANCIAL CENTER

200 VESEY ST., 3 WORLD

(,)	(= 11112)	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial			
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/29/2013		F(1)	1,999	D	\$ 59.45	55,610	D		
Common Stock							9.22 (2)	I	by 401(k) 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Williams Anre D AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER, 200 VESEY ST. 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

Pres. Global Merchant Services

Signatures

NEW YORK, NY 10285

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs, 01/30/2013 attorney-in-fact

**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 reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of a Restricted Stock Award.
- Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Retirement Savings Plan. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number **(2)** of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.

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