

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
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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 \*  
CHENAULT KENNETH I

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

11/03/2010

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)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/23/2010		G	V 1,044 D \$ 0	986,924	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2010		G	V 375 D \$ 0	986,549	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2010		G	V 5,000 D \$ 0	981,549	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2010		G	V 2,500 D \$ 0	979,049	D	
Common Stock	05/24/2010		G	V 1,000 D \$ 0	978,049	D	

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Common Stock	05/24/2010	G	V	2,080	D	\$ 0	975,969	D	
Common Stock	05/24/2010	G	V	500	D	\$ 0	975,469	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2010	G	V	570	D	\$ 0	974,899	D	
Common Stock	11/03/2010	M		228,481	A	\$ 38.922	1,203,380	D	
Common Stock	11/03/2010	M		571,201	A	\$ 38.922	1,774,581	D	
Common Stock	11/03/2010	M		616,897	A	\$ 31.941	2,391,478	D	
Common Stock	11/03/2010	S		1,277,616 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 41.8812 <u>(2)</u>	1,113,862	D	
Common Stock	11/03/2010	S		24,641 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 41.5	1,089,221	D	
Common Stock	11/03/2010	S		26,600 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 41.51	1,062,621	D	
Common Stock	11/03/2010	S		89,000 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 42.0222 <u>(4)</u>	973,621	D	
Common Stock							22,489 <u>(5)</u>	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock							85,220	I	By Wife
Common Stock							9,843	I	Wife As Trustee/custodian

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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- (5) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Retirement Savings Plan. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.
- (6) These options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on the date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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