

CHENAULT KENNETH I

Form 4

January 26, 2018

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHENAULT KENNETH I

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN  
EXPRESS TOWER

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

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

01/24/2018

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)

Chairman & CEO

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

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
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)	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)
Common Stock	01/24/2018		A <sup>(1)</sup>	19,857 A	\$ 97.98 1,096,663	D	
Common Stock	01/24/2018		F <sup>(2)</sup>	9,035 D	\$ 97.98 1,087,628	D	
Common Stock	01/24/2018		A <sup>(3)</sup>	19,856 A	\$ 97.98 1,107,484	D	
Common Stock	01/24/2018		D <sup>(3)</sup>	19,856 D	\$ 97.98 1,087,628	D	
Common Stock					67,568	I	KIC GST Trust

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Common Stock	46,748	I	Shares held by wife
Common Stock	38,522	I	Kathryn GST Trust
Common Stock	24,940.92 (4)	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	4,158	I	Wife As Trustee/custodian
Common Stock	2,850	I	Shares held by son

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CHENAULT KENNETH I 200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001	X Chairman & CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Tangela S. Richter,  
attorney-in-fact

01/26/2018

\_\_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) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of RSUs that were granted to the reporting person in January 2017 and vested in January 2018 based on the terms of the grant approved in January 2017 (see Remarks below). Pursuant to the award terms, the reporting person is required to hold 100% of shares (net of taxes) received upon the vesting of equity awards until one-year after retirement.
  - (2) The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of the RSUs granted in January 2017.
  - (3) The transactions reported represent RSUs granted in January 2017, which were settled in cash upon vesting in accordance with the terms of the grant approved in January 2017 (see Remarks below). The transactions reported represent a simultaneous deemed acquisition of these shares from the issuer and disposition of these shares to the issuer. The issuer withheld a portion of the amount due to the reporting person to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of the RSUs granted in January 2017.
  - (4) 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.

### Remarks:

As disclosed in the Company's 2017 Proxy Statement, in January 2017, the Compensation and Benefits Committee awarded R

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