AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Addr Glenn William | • | ng Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check an applicable) | | |
| 200 VESEY STREET | | | (Month/Day/Year) 10/18/2013 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Pres, Global Corp Payments | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| NEW YORK, NY 10285 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| | | Person | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------|--|---------------|---|--|---|
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquire | | ed, 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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or TransactiorDisposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or | | | | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 10/18/2013 | | M | 26,275 | A | \$ 45.768 | 96,537 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/18/2013 | | M | 34,272 | A | \$ 45.768 | 130,809 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/18/2013 | | M | 19,421 | A | \$ 48.083 | 150,230 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/18/2013 | | M | 110,000 | A | \$ 51.865 | 260,230 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/18/2013 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 172,452 | D | \$ 79.7542 | 87,778 | D | |

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Common Stock $169.45 \, {}^{\underline{(3)}} \qquad I \qquad \qquad {}^{\displaystyle 401(k)} \\ \qquad \qquad Plan$

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | orDeri Secu Acqı Disp | umber of vative rities nired (A) or osed of (D) r. 3, 4, and | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo Num Shar |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 45.768 | 10/18/2013 | | M | | 26,275 | 01/24/2006(4) | 01/23/2015 | Common Stock | 26 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 45.768 | 10/18/2013 | | M | | 34,272 | 01/24/2006(4) | 01/23/2015 | Common Stock | 34 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 48.083 | 10/18/2013 | | M | | 19,421 | 07/25/2006(4) | 07/24/2015 | Common Stock | 19 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 51.865 | 10/18/2013 | | M | | 110,000 | 01/23/2007(4) | 01/22/2016 | Common Stock | 110 |

Reporting Owners

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

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Glenn William H 200 VESEY STREET NEW YORK, NY 10285

Pres, Global Corp Payments

Signatures

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs, attorney-in-fact

10/21/2013

**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).
- The reported disposition represents the sale of shares to cover the cost of exercise and withholding tax obligations arising from the stock option exercises reported above and the sale of 50% of the net shares acquired from these exercises; the reporting person will retain the balance of the net shares in accordance with the Company's retention guidelines for executive officers.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$79.58 to \$79.91. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Express Company, any security holder of American Express Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
- (3) 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.
- (4) These options became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."

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