

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**LINDNER CARL H III**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 301 EAST FOURTH STREET  
 (Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/17/2016

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)  
 Co-CEO & Co-President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/12/2016                           |  | G                              | V 8,303 D \$ 0  | 4,094,345   | I  | #1 <sup>(1)</sup>                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2016                           |  | G                              | V 7,780 D \$ 0  | 4,086,565   | I  | #1 <sup>(1)</sup>                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/17/2016                           |  | A <sup>(2)</sup>               | 15,514 A \$ 0   | 4,118,162   | I  | #1 <sup>(1)</sup>                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 37,648  | I  | #2 <sup>(3)</sup>                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,348,500   | I  | #12 <sup>(4)</sup>                |



## Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Indirect #1: CHL III, TTEE (or his Successors) of the Carl H. Lindner III Family Trust DTD 8/29/02 as Amended.

(2) Stock award from the Issuer made under the Senior Executive Equity Bonus Plan.

(3) Indirect #2: Martha S. Lindner, (or her Successor) of the Martha S. Lindner Family Trust DTD 8/30/02 as amended.

(4) Indirect #12: Seraphim Partners LLC fka CHL Investments, LLC

(5) Indirect #21: Doug Marcian, TTEE MBL Trust Dtd 10/26/05.

(6) Indirect #26: CHL III 2010-1 Qualified Annuity Trust DTD 4/9/10.

Indirect #29: Shares voting and dispositive power and holds a remainder interest in shares held directly or indirectly by a charitable lead annuity trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial interest of the shares held by the trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such shares.

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