#### AMERICAN EXPRESS CO

Form 4

February 23, 2005

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **BARSHEFSKY CHARLENE** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

(Check all applicable)

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

02/22/2005

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER, 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Shares	02/22/2005	02/22/2005	P	1,900	A	\$ 54.2	13,963	D	
Common Shares	02/22/2005	02/22/2005	P	1,100	A	\$ 54.17	15,063	D	

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10%
Owner Officer Other

BARSHEFSKY CHARLENE AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003

X

## **Signatures**

Charlene

Barshefsky 02/23/2005

\*\*Signature of Date

Reporting Person

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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