**Bush James Peter** Form 4 November 03, 2017

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Middle)

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **Bush James Peter** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(First)

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN

(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Street)

11/01/2017

**EXPRESS TOWER** 

President, GNICS

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Table   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                |              |           |                    |  |  |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------|-----------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) |              |           | d of (D)           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 11/01/2017                              |   | Code V M  | Amount 8,000 | or<br>(D) | Price \$ 34.84     | (Instr. 3 and 4)<br>87,626.6239  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 11/01/2017                              |   | S <u>(1)</u>  | 6,789        | D         | \$ 96.19 (2)       | 80,837.6239  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 11/01/2017                              |   | M   | 4,000        | A         | \$<br>34.84        | 84,837.6239  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 11/01/2017                              |   | S <u>(1)</u>  | 3,395        | D         | \$<br>96.17<br>(3) | 81,442.6239  | D  |   |
|                                      | 11/01/2017                              |   | M   | 4,000        | A         |                    | 85,442.6239  | D  |   |

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| Common<br>Stock |            |              |       |   | \$<br>34.84 |              |   |                   |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------|---|-------------|--------------|---|-------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 11/01/2017 | S <u>(1)</u> | 3,391 | D | \$<br>96.21 | 82,051.6239  | D |                   |
| Common<br>Stock |            |              |       |   |             | 6,895.97 (4) | I | by 401(k)<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number tion 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) |                                       |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|--|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | (A)   | (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amoun<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 34.84  | 11/01/2017                           |   | M                                      |   | 8,000 | 10/30/2013(5)  | 10/30/2019         | Common<br>Stock   | 8,000                                 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 34.84  | 11/01/2017                           |   | M                                      |   | 4,000 | 10/30/2013(5)  | 10/30/2019         | Common<br>Stock   | 4,000                                 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 34.84  | 11/01/2017                           |   | M                                      |   | 4,000 | 10/30/2013(5)  | 10/30/2019         | Common<br>Stock   | 4,000                                 |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bush James Peter 200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

President, GNICS

# **Signatures**

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

11/03/2017

\*\*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 \$96.07 to \$96.32. 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.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$96.06 to \$96.36. 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.
- (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.
- (5) These options became exercisable on the date shown as "Date Exercisable."

#### **Remarks:**

The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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