#### GORDON MARC D

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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of ReGORDON MARC D | eporting Person * | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)                             |  |  |
|--|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First)                         | (Middle)          | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction  | (Check an applicable)  |  |  |
| 200 VESEY STREET<br>EXPRESS TOWER      | , AMERICAN        | (Month/Day/Year)<br>01/26/2018   | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP, Chief Information Officer      |  |  |
| (Street)                               |                   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |  |
| NEW YORK, NY 102                       | 285-5001          | Filed(Month/Day/Year)  | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)   | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D   | erivative | Secur            | rities Acq   | uired, Disposed o  | f, or Beneficial                                      | ly Owned |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|---|-----------|------------------|--|--|---|----------|--|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) |             | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) |           |                  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |          |  |
|                                      |   |             | Code V  | Amount    | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                       |   |          |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 01/26/2018  |             | A(1)  | 8,888     | A                | \$<br>99.69  | 22,988.019   | D   |          |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 01/26/2018  |             | F(2)  | 3,431     | D                | \$<br>99.69  | 19,557.019 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D   |          |  |

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<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year)    |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 83.3   | 01/26/2018                              |   | A(4)                                  | 8,888   | 01/26/2018          | 01/26/2025         | Common<br>Stock   | 8,888                                  |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS EVP, Chief Information

TOWER Officer NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

# **Signatures**

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

01/30/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- \* 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 Restricted Stock Units that were granted to the reporting person in January 2015 and have vested based on the Company's 2015-17 return on average equity performance.
- (2) The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) Includes shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.
- (4) The reported acquisition represents the vesting of Stock Options that were granted to the reporting person in January 2015. These options became exercisable on January 26, 2018 based on the Company's positive cumulative net income over the three year performance period.

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