

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
February 05, 2010

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 5, 2010

AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

IOWA (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-31911 (Commission File Number)	42-1447959 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		50266 (Zip Code)

(515) 221-0002  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

At a meeting earlier today with representatives of several of its leading National Marketing Organizations, American Equity Investment Life Holding Company ("AEL") discussed sales results for the year ended December 31, 2009. Total annuity deposits for the year were \$3.7 billion before coinsurance ceded and \$2.9 billion net after coinsurance ceded. Annuity deposits in the fourth quarter of 2009 were \$900 million before coinsurance ceded and \$665 million net

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after coinsurance ceded.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE  
HOLDING COMPANY

Date: February 5, 2010

/s/ Wendy C. Waugaman

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Wendy C Waugaman

Chief Executive Officer and President