

MISCHELL THOMAS E  
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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 \*  
 MISCHELL THOMAS E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/02/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. V.P. - Taxes

CINCINNATI, OH 45202  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	102,503	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	1,000	I	#1 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	300	I	#2 <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	8,384.46	I	ESPP <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	571	I	401-K <u>(1)</u>

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title of Underlying Security (Instr. 3)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Deferred Compensation	\$ 31.31	12/31/2004		A	V	133.2907		(4)	(4)	Common Stock
Deferred Compensation	\$ 30.17	02/02/2005		A	V	32.2585 (5)		(4)	(4)	Common Stock
Deferred Compensation	\$ 30.17	02/02/2005		D		7,775.9585 (6)		(6)	(6)	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MISCHELL THOMAS E  
ONE EAST FOURTH STREET  
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Sr. V.P. - Taxes

## Signatures

Thomas E. Mischell By: Karl J. Grafe, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/04/2005

\_\_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).

(1) Totals as of 12/31/2003.

(2) Indirect #1: Represents one-half of the 2,000 shares held by a general partnership of which the Reporting Person is a 50% partner.

(3) Indirect #2: Held by a minor child of the Reporting Person.

(4) Represents amounts deferred by the Reporting Person in the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan. The account value increases or decreases based on the value of the Issuer's common stock and dividends paid. Upon termination of employment or earlier, if so elected, the Reporting Person's account balance may be distributed, at the option of the Issuer, either in cash or in shares of the Issuer's common stock.

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- (5) Represents account performance through the distribution date.
- (6) Represents a distribution by the Reporting Person from the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan. Upon distribution, the Reporting Person's account balance may be distributed, at the option of the Issuer, either in cash or in shares of the Issuer's common stock.

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