

Gillis Michelle A
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Gillis Michelle A

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)
 301 E. FOURTH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2019 | | F | | 1,103 (1) \$ 99.3275 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2019 | | A | | 3,225 (2) \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,759.3265 (3) | I | ESPP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 11.0597 (4) | I | ESPP DRIP |

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 and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gillis Michelle A 301 E. FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Michelle A. Gillis By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact 02/27/2019

**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) Represents shares withheld by the Issuer to satisfy taxes payable in connection with the vesting of previously awarded shares of restricted stock.
- (2) Represents the grant of restricted stock from the Issuer that vests four years from the date of grant.
- (3) Shares owned by the reporting Person in the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). All ESPP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2018.
- (4) Represents shares purchased by the Reporting Person through dividend reinvestment with the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"). All ESPP DRIP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2018.

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