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Form 8-K  
May 22, 2006

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): May 22, 2006

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York	1-7657	13-4922250
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center New York, New York	10285
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 640-2000

None

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(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 8.01 Other Events.

On May 22, 2006, American Express Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing an increase in the quarterly dividend on its common stock from \$0.12 per share to \$0.15 per share and the authorization to repurchase up to an additional 200 million shares of its common stock under the Company's share repurchase program. Such press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit

99.1 Press release of American Express Company, dated May 22, 2006, announcing an increase in the quarterly dividend on its common stock and the authorization to repurchase up to an additional 200 million shares of its common stock under the Company's share repurchase program.

### SIGNATURE

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 EXPRESS COMPANY  
(REGISTRANT)

By /s/ Stephen P. Norman

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Name: Stephen P. Norman  
Title: Secretary

DATE: May 22, 2006

### EXHIBIT INDEX

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