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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Heine Timothy J. (Month/Day/Year) (Last) (First) (Middle)

01/01/2014 4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

200 VESEY

STREET, AMERICAN **EXPRESS TOWER**

(Street)

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

Acting General Counsel

(Check all applicable)

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

YORK, NYÂ 10285-5001

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

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2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Â Common Stock 29,887 D

Common Stock 4,451 Ι 401(k) Plan (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

4. Conversion or Exercise

Ownership Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/23/2007(2)	01/22/2016	Common Stock	23,100	\$ 51.865	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/25/2008(2)	01/24/2017	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 57.77	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/31/2009(2)	01/30/2018	Common Stock	24,000	\$ 49.13	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/26/2011(3)	01/25/2020	Common Stock	12,599	\$ 38.1	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/27/2012(3)	01/26/2021	Common Stock	10,777	\$ 44.54	D	Â
Phantom Stock Units	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	362	\$ <u>(5)</u>	I	SRP (6)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Heine Timothy J. 200 VESEY STREET AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001	Â	Â	Acting General Counsel	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Michael G. Kuchs, attorney-in-fact 01/09/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Retirement Savings Plan. This plan uses unit accounting, and the number of shares that a participant is deemed to hold varies with the unit price of the Company pooled stock fund.
- (2) These options became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."
- (3) These shares become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on date shown as "Date Exercisable."
- (4) The units are to be settled following the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (5) The phantom stock converts into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (6) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under the Company's Supplemental Retirement Plan.

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Remarks:

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Exhibit List Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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