

AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/
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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 *
HESS WILLIAM H

(Last) (First) (Middle)
116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/ [AMT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/30/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP, Int'l. Operations

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 or Price		
Class A Common Stock	07/30/2009		M		70,000 A \$ 18.15	70,000	D
Class A Common Stock	07/30/2009		S		70,000 D \$ 34.06 ⁽¹⁾	0	D
Class A Common Stock						29,268 ⁽²⁾	I By GRAT

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Class A Common Stock	\$ 18.15	07/30/2009		M	70,000	<u>(3)</u> 04/01/2015	Class A Common Stock	70,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HESS WILLIAM H 116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02116			EVP, Int'l. Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Mneesha O. Nahata, as attorney-in-fact
08/03/2009
**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 the weighted average price of shares sold in multiple same-day transactions at prices ranging from \$33.92 to \$34.14 per share. 27,302 shares were previously reported as directly beneficially owned and 1,966 shares were acquired under the Company's employee stock purchase plan in May 2009. The aggregate 29,268 shares were contributed to a grantor retained annuity trust ("GRAT") on June 17, 2009.
- (3) This option was granted pursuant to the 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exercisable in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning April 1, 2006.

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