AMERICAN EXPRESS CO Form 8-K April 26, 2011

### 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): April 20, 2011

#### AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York 1-7657 13-4922250

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

200 Vesey Street, World
Financial Center
New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

1-7657

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.
(b) (c) Ms. Joan Amble, age 57, Executive Vice President, Comptroller and Principal Accounting Officer of American Express Company (the "Company"), will retire on December 30, 2011. Ms. Amble will continue to serve as Comptroller and Principal Accounting Officer until May 15, 2011. It is anticipated that Mr. David Cornish, age 50, who has served as Senior Vice President and Deputy Controller of the Company since August 2004, will assume the position of Acting Comptroller and Principal Accounting Officer on May 16, 2011.

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### **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/ Carol V. Schwartz

Name: Carol V. Schwartz

Title: Secretary

Date: April 26, 2011