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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): November 18, 2003

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

New York 1-7657 13-4922250

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation or Identification No.)

of incorporation or organization)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center

New York, New York

10285

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other events.

On November 18, 2003, American Express Company issued a press release announcing the pricing of \$1.8 billion principal amount of its convertible debt securities due 2033. A copy of such press release is filed herein as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

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99.1 Copy of a press release issued by American Express Company, dated November 18, 2003, announcing the pricing of \$1.8 billion principal amount of its convertible debt securities due 2033.

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)

/s/ Richard M. Starr

Name: Richard M. Starr Title: Assistant Secretary

DATE: November 18, 2003

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