PARENT LOUISE M

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** PARENT LOUISE M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER, 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER			05/03/2005	X Officer (give title Other (specify			
				below) below) EVP, General Counsel			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
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NEW TOR	K, 1V1 10203-300	3	Person							
(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities A	acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly 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 on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 327,324 D **Shares**

Common By ISP I 05/03/2005 05/03/2005 I 4,261 \$53 0 D **Shares** Trust (1)

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

PARENT LOUISE M AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER 3 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10285-5003

EVP, General Counsel

Signatures

Louise M. 05/05/2005 Parent

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Shares held in reporting person's account under the Company's Incentive Savings Plan as of May 3, 2005. 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.

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