Sobbott Susan Form 4 January 30, 2018

## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sobbott Susan	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER	(Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2017	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below)  Pres., Glbl Commercial Pymnts		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001		Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(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)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(mout. 1)	
Common Stock	11/16/2017		G V	1,605	D	<u>(1)</u>	29,464.9181	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2018		A(2)	8,000	A	\$ 99.69	37,464.9181	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2018		F(3)	2,775	D	\$ 99.69	34,689.9181 (4)	D	
Common Stock							961.12 <u>(5)</u>	I	by 401(k) Trust

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 83.3	01/26/2018		A(6)	8,000	01/26/2018	01/26/2025	Common Stock	8,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sobbott Susan

200 VESEY STREET, AMERICAN EXPRESS TOWER

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

Pres., Glbl Commercial

**Pymnts** 

## **Signatures**

/s/ Tangela S. Richter,

attorney-in-fact 01/30/2018

\*\*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) The reported disposition represents a bona fide charitable gift made by the reporting person.
- (2) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of Restricted Stock Units that were granted to the reporting person in January 2015 and have vested based on the Company's 2015-17 return on average equity performance.
- (3) The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.

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- (4) Includes shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The reported acquisition represents the vesting of Stock Options that were granted to the reporting person in January 2015. These options became exercisable on January 26, 2018 based on the Company's positive cumulative net income over the three year performance period.

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