

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form 4

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**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
 SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LINDNER CARL H III**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
 Symbol  
**AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP  
 INC [AFG]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**301 EAST FOURTH STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/23/2015**

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
**Co-CEO & Co-President**

**CINCINNATI, OH 45202**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
 Applicable Line)  
☐ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
 Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/23/2015		A <sup>(1)</sup>		11,880	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					37,443	I	
Common Stock					1,348,500	I	
Common Stock					176,166	I	
Common Stock					33,091	I	

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Common Stock	56,709	I	#25 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock	1,516,741	I	#26 <sup>(8)</sup>
Common Stock	167,621	I	#27 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock	1,584	I	#28 <sup>(10)</sup>
Common Stock	2,346,609	I	#29 <sup>(11)</sup>
Common Stock	110,589	I	#30 <sup>(12)</sup>

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option Grant	\$ 63.15	02/23/2015		A	50,000	<sup>(13)</sup> 02/23/2025	Common	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDNER CARL H III 301 EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X		Co-CEO & Co-President	

## Signatures

Carl H. Lindner III By: Karl J. Grafe, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/25/2015

\_\_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 grant of restricted stock from the Issuer that vests four years from the date of grant.
- (2) Indirect #1: CHL III, TTEE (or his Successors) of the Carl H. Lindner III Family Trust DTD 8/29/02 as Amended.
- (3) Indirect #2: Martha S. Lindner, (or her Successor) of the Martha S. Lindner Family Trust DTD 8/30/02 as amended.
- (4) Indirect #12: Seraphim Partners LLC fka CHL Investments, LLC
- (5) Indirect #21: Doug Marcian, TTEE MBL Trust Dtd 10/26/05.
- (6) Indirect #22: Doug Marcian, TTEE GD Trust Dtd 10/26/05.
- (7) Indirect #25: Lou Ann Flint TTEE MBL 2009 Consolidation Trust DTD 12/22/09.
- (8) Indirect #26: CHL III 2010-1 Qualified Annuity Trust DTD 4/9/10.
- (9) Indirect #27: Lou Ann Flint TTEE MBL 2009 Trust DTD 4/13/2009.
- (10) Indirect #28 MBL TTEE MBL Trust DTD 1/17/2008
- Indirect #29: Shares voting and dispositive power and holds a remainder interest in shares held directly or indirectly by a charitable lead
- (11) annuity trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial interest of the shares held by the trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such shares.
- (12) Indirect #30: Martha S. Lindner TTEE Carl H. Lindner Dynasty Trust DTD 12/21/12
- (13) These Employee Stock Options become exercisable in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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