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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 ** LINDNER CARL H III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]		(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
301 EAST FOURTH STREET			02/22/2017	Co-CEO & Co-President			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
CINCINNATI, OH 45202				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired. Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner			

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(City)	(State) (2	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities F Beneficially (I Owned In	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/22/2017		A(1)	15,885	A	\$0	3,686,204	I	#1 (2)
Common Stock							37,835	I	#2 (3)
Common Stock							1,248,500	I	#12 <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock							1,434,759	I	#26 <u>(5)</u>
Common Stock							2,311,386	I	#29 (6)

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	Derivative	e		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable	Date		Number	
									of	
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LINDNER CARL H III
301 EAST FOURTH STREET X
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Co-CEO & Co-President

Signatures

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

02/23/2017

Date

**Signature of 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).
- (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 #26: CHL III 2010-1 Qualified Annuity Trust DTD 4/9/10.
- (6) Indirect #29: Shares voting and dispositive power and holds a remainder interest in shares held directly or indirectly by a charitable lead annuity trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial interest of the shares held by the trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest

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in such shares.

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