

BURNS URSULA M  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**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. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BURNS URSULA M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AMERICAN EXPRESS  
COMPANY, 200 VESEY STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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

**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)
Common Stock	12/14/2017		G	V 4,000 D 11	10,481	D	
Common Stock					1,852	I	Through the Ursula Burns Irrevocable Trust FBO Malcolm Bean <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					3,667	I	Through the Ursula Burns Irrevocable Trust FBO

Melissa  
Bean <sup>(3)</sup>

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

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(9-02)**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
Share Equivalent Units	<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2017		A <sup>(5)</sup>	315.72	<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	315.72

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURNS URSULA M C/O AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY 200 VESEY STREET NEW YORK, NY 10285-5001	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Tangela S. Richter,  
attorney-in-fact

01/03/2018

\_\_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) The reporting person is a trustee of the Ursula Burns Irrevocable Trust FBO Malcolm Bean.

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- (3) The reporting person is a trustee of the Ursula Burns Irrevocable Trust FBO Melissa Bean.
- (4) Each Share Equivalent Unit reflects the value of one common share.
- (5) The reported Share Equivalent Units were acquired pursuant to the Company's 2003 Share Equivalent Unit Plan for Directors and will be settled in cash following termination of service as a Director.
- (6) The Share Equivalent Units are convertible immediately and have no expiration date.
- (7) Includes Share Equivalent Units acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan and/or the 2003 Share Equivalent Unit Plan for Directors.

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