

MULCAHY DAVID S

Form 4

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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 *
MULCAHY DAVID S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY

(Street)

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
SymbolAMERICAN EQUITY
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING
CO [AEL]3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

03/15/2011

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	03/15/2011		P		700	A \$ 12.88	700 D
Common Stock	03/15/2011		P		300	A \$ 12.888	1,000 D
Common Stock	03/15/2011		P		100	A \$ 12.8885	1,100 D
Common Stock	03/15/2011		P		100	A \$ 12.888	1,200 D
Common Stock	03/15/2011		P		200	A \$ 12.89	1,400 D

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Common Stock	03/15/2011	P	100	A	\$ 12.8886	1,500	D
Common Stock	03/15/2011	P	100	A	\$ 12.9	1,600	D
Common Stock	03/15/2011	P	100	A	\$ 12.8895	1,700	D
Common Stock	03/15/2011	P	200	A	\$ 12.909	1,900	D
Common Stock	03/15/2011	P	100	A	\$ 12.89	2,000	D
Common Stock	03/15/2011	P	100	A	\$ 12.9076	2,100	D
Common Stock	03/15/2011	P	300	A	\$ 12.9	2,400	D
Common Stock	03/15/2011	P	2,500	A	\$ 12.91	4,900	D
Common Stock	03/15/2011	P	100	A	\$ 12.909	5,000	D

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MULCAHY DAVID S 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266		X		

Signatures

David S.
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03/16/2011

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).

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