AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO Form 8-K May 03, 2006

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 2, 2006

AMERICAN EQUITY

INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

IOWA (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-31911** (Commission File Number) 42-1447959 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines, Iowa (Address of Principal Executive Offices) **50266** (Zip Code)

(515) 221-0002

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the Press Release and the Financial Supplement issued by the American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the Company) with respect to the first quarter ending March 31, 2006. The information in this report, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release and Financial Supplement dated March 31, 2006

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 3, 2006

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

By:

/s/ Wendy L. Carlson Wendy L. Carlson Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	
Number	Description.
99.1	Press Release and Financial Supplement dated March 31, 2006