AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO Form 8-K November 09, 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): November 9, 2006

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

IOWA

001-31911

42-1447959

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines, Iowa

50266

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(515) 221-0002

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Item 5.02(b) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Elections of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On November 6, 2006, Mr. David S. Mulcahy resigned his position as a Director of American Equity Investment Life Holding Company to focus his time on family and personal business.

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: November 9, 2006

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

By: /s/ Wendy L. Carlson

Wendy L. Carlson

Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel

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