AMERICAN EXPRESS CO Form 8-K April 15, 2013

### 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): April 15, 2013

#### AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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1-7657 (Commission File Number)

13-4922250 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center New York, New York(Address of principal executive offices)

10285 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 640-2000

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 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; 5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(c) On April 15, 2013, American Express Company (the "Company") announced the appointment of Edward P. Gilligan, age 53, as President of the Company, effective immediately. Prior to his appointment as President, Mr. Gilligan served as Vice Chairman of the Company since July 2007. A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Gilligan as President is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item Financial Statements and Exhibits 9.01

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press release, dated April 15, 2013, announcing the appointment of Edward P. Gilligan as President of the Company.

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### **SIGNATURE**

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.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Carol V. Schwartz

Name: Carol V. Schwartz

Title: Secretary

Date: April 15, 2013

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

# **Exhibit Description**

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