

HILTON ROBERT L
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HILTON ROBERT L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY

04/02/2013

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | | M | | 1,000 A \$ 9 | 37,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | | M | | 1,000 A \$ 11 | 38,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | | M | | 1,000 A \$ 10.77 | 39,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | | M | | 10,000 A \$ 10.85 | 49,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | | M | | 10,000 A \$ 5.85 | 59,000 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|-----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | S | 22,800 | D | \$ 14.735 | 36,200 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2013 | S | 200 | D | \$ 14.73 | 36,000 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Options - Right to Buy | \$ 9 | 04/02/2013 | | M | 1,000 | 06/30/2004 12/04/2013 | | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Options - Right to Buy | \$ 11 | 04/02/2013 | | M | 1,000 | 06/10/2004 06/10/2014 | | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Options - Right to Buy | \$ 10.77 | 04/02/2013 | | M | 1,000 | 06/30/2005 12/31/2014 | | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Options - Right to Buy | \$ 10.85 | 04/02/2013 | | M | 10,000 | 06/11/2011 06/11/2018 | | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Options - Right to Buy | \$ 5.85 | 04/02/2013 | | M | 10,000 | 06/04/2012 06/04/2019 | | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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HILTON ROBERT L
6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of
Attorney

04/03/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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