

LINDNER CARL H III  
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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 \*  
 LINDNER CARL H III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE EAST FOURTH STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/30/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Co-CEO & Co-President

CINCINNATI, OH 45202  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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**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	07/30/2009		F/K	87,765 D \$ 24.81	4,830,284	I	#1
Common Stock	07/30/2009		M	82,500 A \$ 13.1667	4,912,784	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	07/30/2009		M	82,500 A \$ 13.2267	4,995,284	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					34,901	I	#2 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					37,176.88	I	#4 <sup>(3)</sup>

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Common Stock	0 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	#6 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock	129,151	I	#7 <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock	191,202	I	#8 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock	10,055	I	#9 <sup>(8)</sup>
Common Stock	20,402	I	#11 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock	1,468,500	I	#12 <sup>(10)</sup>
Common Stock	2,376	I	#14 <sup>(11)</sup>
Common Stock	30,457	I	#15 <sup>(12)</sup>
Common Stock	36,943	I	#19 <sup>(13)</sup>
Common Stock	263,091	I	#20 <sup>(14)</sup>
Common Stock	263,091	I	#21 <sup>(15)</sup>
Common Stock	113,019	I	#22 <sup>(16)</sup>
Common Stock	22,051	I	#23 <sup>(17)</sup>
Common Stock	1,713	I	#24 <sup>(18)</sup>

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,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. (Instr. 3 and 4)
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- (15) Indirect #21: SCL TTEE MBL Trust Dtd 10/26/05. (c3)
- (16) Indirect #22: SCL TTEE GD Trust Dtd 10/26/05. (c3)
- (17) Indirect #23: KEL TTEE CDL Withdrawal Trust C/U Irrevocable Trust Agreement DTD 11/1/82. (c3)
- (18) Indirect #24: KEL, TTEE Under Irrevocable Trust Agreement with CHL III and MSL, Grantors dated 9/26/1989. (c3)

- These Employee Stock Options ("Options") become exercisable as to 20% of the shares initially granted on the first anniversary of the date of grant, with an additional 20% becoming exercisable on each subsequent anniversary. The Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
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