

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RICHARDSON DEBRA J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY

(Street)

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
 Symbol

**AMERICAN EQUITY
 INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING
 CO [AEL]**

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

04/11/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive VP & Secretary

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

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

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. 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)
Common Stock	04/11/2016		D	(A) or (D) 1,723 (1)	\$ 0 234,442	D	
Common Stock					9,249 (2)	I	By ESOP

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICHARDSON DEBRA J 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	X		Executive VP & Secretary	

Signatures

Debra J.
Richardson 04/12/2016

 **Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Restricted stock that was canceled by mutual agreement of the reporting person and American Equity Investment Life Holding Company.
- (2) Reflects ESOP allocations that have occurred since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.

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