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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Johnson Ted Morris			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]	(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
(Last) 6000 WESTO	(Last) (First) (Middle) 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2019	Officer (give title Other (special below) CFO & Treasurer				
WEST DES M	(Street) MOINES, I.	A 50266	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	rerson guired. Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		ies Acquired sposed of (D) and 5) (A) or (D) Price		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	02/28/2019		A	19,429 (1)	A	\$ 0	82,258	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2019		F	8,812	D	\$ 31.65	73,446	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2019		A	4,743 (2)	A	\$ 0	78,189	D	
Common Stock							12,468 (3)	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security	Secui
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	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. :	3 and 4)		Owne
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					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
					Exercisable	Date		Number			
				G 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Johnson Ted Morris 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

CFO & Treasurer

Signatures

Renee D. Montz, by Power of Attorney

03/04/2019

Date

**Signature of 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).
- An award of restricted stock units pursuant to the American Equity Investment Life Holding Company 2016 Employee Incentive Plan **(1)** that vested and converted into shares of common stock.
- An award of restricted stock units pursuant to the American Equity Investment Life Holding Company 2016 Employee Incentive Plan that vests on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- Reflects ESOP allocations that have occurred since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.

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