WINGERT KEVIN R

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WINGERT KEVIN R Issuer Symbol AMERICAN EQUITY (Check all applicable) INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL] _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction below) (Month/Day/Year) Vice President 5000 WESTOWN PARKWAY, 01/03/2006 SUITE 440 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of

1.Title of 7. Nature of 4. Securities Acquired Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A)

Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Price Amount (D)

Common 01/03/2006 F 113,682 D 20,000 13.14 Stock

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5	ate	Amou Under Secur	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
				Code V	7 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WINGERT KEVIN R 5000 WESTOWN PARKWAY, SUITE 440 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	X		Vice President			
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Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney 01/04/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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