

REIMER TERRY A
Form 5
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FORM 5

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
REIMER TERRY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5000 WESTOWN PARKWAY,
SUITE 440

(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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	209,750	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	3,000	I	By Spouse

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 10.77	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	06/30/2005 12/31/2014	Common Stock 15,0
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 11	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	06/10/2004 06/10/2014	Common Stock 15,0
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 9	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	12/04/2003 12/04/2013	Common Stock 15,0
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 9.67	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	12/29/2000 12/29/2010	Common Stock 30,0
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 9.67	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/05/2000 05/05/2010	Common Stock 17,2
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 7.33	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	04/14/1999 04/14/2009	Common Stock 8,2
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 4	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	06/10/1997 06/10/2007	Common Stock 7,5
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 3.33	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	12/01/1996 12/01/2006	Common Stock 72,0
American Equity Capital Trust I 8% Conv TP	\$ 10	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	09/30/2002 09/30/2029	Common Stock 3,0
Deferred Compensation	\$ 3.33	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Â <u>(1)</u> Â <u>(1)</u>	Common Stock 19,8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
REIMER TERRY A 5000 WESTOWN PARKWAY, SUITE 440	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of
Attorney

02/09/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Deferred Compensation payment is exercisable on the 10th business day after the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) action of (1) the Board of directors; (ii) written notification of employee's resignation; (iii) employee's termination of employment; (iv) employee's disability; (v) employee's death.

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