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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION							OMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0362	
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Reported Form 4 Transactio Reported	oldings Section 17(a		Utility Holdin Investment Co					on		
1. Name and A Johnson Tec	ddress of Reporting P 1 Morris	Symbo AME	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	(Month	Dir			below)	// In the control of			
5000 WEST SUITE 440	OWN PARKWA									
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)			
WEST DES	MOINES, IAÂ	50266					_X_ Form Filed by Form Filed by Person	One Reporting P More than One R		
(City)	(State) (Zip) Ta	ıble I - Non-Deri	vative Sec	uritie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	f 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or))	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)					
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	8,500	D	Â	
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivati Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3 4, and 5	Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y ve es d	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha	
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 10.77	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/31/2004	12/31/2014	Common Stock	15,0	
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 11	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/10/2004	06/10/2014	Common Stock	15,0	
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 9	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/04/2003	12/04/2013	Common Stock	15,0	
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 9.67	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/31/2001	12/31/2011	Common Stock	30,0	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Johnson Ted Morris 5000 WESTOWN PARKWAY, SUITE 440 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	Â	Â	Vice President	Â			

Signatures

Ted M. Johnson 02/11/2008

**Signature of Person 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).

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