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(Print or Type Resp	ponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> WHITFIELD HARLEY A			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
			AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]				(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			
(Last)	(First) (	Middle)	3. Date o	f Earliest Tr Day/Year)	te title Oth below)					
6000 WESTO	WN PARKWA	06/11/2010								
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							Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	Transaction Date onth/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options - Right to Buy	\$ 9.27	06/11/2010		A	15,000	06/11/2013	06/10/2020	Common Stock	15,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITFIELD HARLEY A 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	Х			
Signatures				
Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney				
**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).

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