Sweeney Brian Form 4 July 19, 2011

### FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

1(b).

Networks

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Sweeney Brian			Symbol AMC Networks Inc. [AMCX]				Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle)  11 PENN PLAZA				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/15/2011				(Check all applicable)  _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify			
		(Street)			dment, Date	e Original		below) below)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
NEW YORK, NY 10001			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)  AMC Networks Inc. Common Stock	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)  28,474 (1) (2)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)  D (3)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	AMC Networks Inc. Common Stock							5,643 <u>(1)</u>	I (4)	By Spouse	
	AMC							5,225 <u>(1)</u>	I (5)	By Trusts	

Inc. Common Stock

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 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 out 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.14 (6)	07/15/2011		J <u>(7)</u>	1,875 (7)	07/15/2011 <u>(7)</u>	10/01/2014	AMC Networks Inc. Class A Common Stock	1,875
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.55 (6)	07/15/2011		J <u>(7)</u>	1,875 <u>(7)</u>	07/15/2011 <u>(7)</u>	11/08/2015	AMC Networks Inc. Class A Common Stock	1,875

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Rela	ationships	
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sweeney Brian 11 PENN PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10001	X			
DOLAN-SWEENEY DEBORAH A 11 PENN PLAZA				Member of 13(d) Group

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NEW YORK, NY 10001

### **Signatures**

/s/ Brian Sweeney 07/19/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Brian Sweeney, Attorney-in-fact for Deborah A.
Dolan-Sweeney

07/19/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

#### **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).
- Reflects transfer of shares of Class A Common Stock previously owned directly by Cablevision Systems Corporation ("Cablevision") and (1) its subsidiaries and received in connection with the legal and structural separation of AMC Networks Inc. ("AMC") from Cablevision (the "Spin?off") in a transaction exempt under Rule 16a?9 and Rule 16a?13.
- (2) Includes shares of restricted stock.
- Securities held directly by Mr. Sweeney. Ms. Dolan-Sweeney disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities of AMC beneficially owned or deemed to be beneficially owned directly or indirectly by her spouse (other than securities in which she has a direct pecuniary interest) and this filing shall not be deemed an admission that Ms. Dolan-Sweeney is, for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose, the beneficial owner of such securities.
- Shares of Class A Common Stock held directly by Ms. Dolan-Sweeney. Mr. Sweeney disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities of (4) AMC beneficially owned or deemed to be beneficially owned by Ms. Dolan-Sweeney and this filing shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Sweeney is, for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose, the beneficial owner of such securities.
- Shares of Class A Common Stock held by trusts for the benefit of Reporting Persons' children. The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of all securities of AMC beneficially owned or deemed to be beneficially owned by trusts for their children and this filing shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose, the beneficial owners of such securities.
  - The exercise price was determined by allocating the exercise price for the option under the Cablevision equity plan between the existing Cablevision option and the AMC option based upon the average of the volume weighted average prices of the Cablevision NY Group
- (6) Class A Common Stock and the AMC Class A Common Stock for each trading day in the ten trading-day period immediately following the Spin?off. The underlying share amount takes into account the distribution ratio of four Cablevision shares of common stock to one share of AMC common stock.
  - Represents options to purchase Class A Common Stock received by Mr. Sweeney in connection with the Spin?off, and granted pursuant to the AMC 2011 Employee Stock Plan in a transaction exempt under Rules 16a?9 or 16b?6 and 16b?3. The options are fully exercisable
- (7) and vested as of the date of this filing. Ms. Dolan? Sweeney disclaims beneficial ownership of all options of AMC beneficially owned or deemed to be beneficially owned by her spouse and this filing shall not be deemed an admission that Ms. Dolan? Sweeney is, for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose, the beneficial owner of such securities.

#### **Remarks:**

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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