

MISCHELL THOMAS E

Form 4

February 18, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MISCHELL THOMAS E

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP
INC [AFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE EAST FOURTH STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Sr. V.P. - Taxes

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/16/2011		A ⁽¹⁾	8,203 A \$ 0	168,244	D	
Common Stock					21,568	I	ESPP ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					47,516.0806	I	401(k) ⁽³⁾

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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Grant	\$ 34.34	02/16/2011		A		21,875		<u>(4)</u>	02/16/2021	Common Stock	21,875

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MISCHELL THOMAS E ONE EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Sr. V.P. - Taxes

Signatures

Thomas E. Mischell By: Karl J. Grafe, as
Attorney-in-Fact 02/18/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents the grant of restricted stock that vests four years from the date of grant.

(2) Shares owned by the reporting Person in the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). All ESPP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2010.

(3) Represents amounts held by the Reporting Person in the Issuer's retirement plan. Each share is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. Upon termination of employment or earlier, if so elected, the Reporting Person's account balance may be distributed, at the option of the Issuer, either in cash or in shares of the Issuer's common stock.

(4) These Employee Stock Options ("Options") become exercisable as to 20% of the shares initially granted on the first anniversary of the date of grant, with an additional 20% becoming exercisable on each subsequent anniversary. The Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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