

LINDNER CARL H III  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 LINDNER CARL H III

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)  
 09/16/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Co-CEO & Co-President

CINCINNATI, OH 45202  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					4,907,082	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					34,901	I	#2 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					37,176.88	I	#4 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock					191,202	I	#8 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock					1,468,500	I	#12 <sup>(5)</sup>

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Common Stock						2,376	I	#14 <sup>(6)</sup>	
Common Stock						30,457	I	#15 <sup>(7)</sup>	
Common Stock	09/16/2009		S	23,025	D	\$ 26.36 <u>(8)</u>	240,066	I	#21 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock	09/17/2009		S	5,175	D	\$ 25.84 <u>(10)</u>	234,891	I	#21 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock	09/18/2009		S	8,725	D	\$ 25.82 <u>(11)</u>	226,166	I	#21 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock							113,019	I	#22 <sup>(12)</sup>
Common Stock							1,713	I	#24 <sup>(13)</sup>

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

LINDNER CARL H III  
ONE EAST FOURTH STREET X  
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Co-CEO & Co-President

## Signatures

Carl H. Lindner III By: Karl J. Grafe, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/18/2009

\_\_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).
- (1) Indirect #1: CHL III, TTEE (or his Successors) of the Carl H. Lindner III Family Trust DTD 8/29/02 as Amended. (c3)
- (2) Indirect #2: Martha S. Lindner, (or her Successor) o the Martha S. Lindner Family Trust DTD 8/30/02 as amended. (c3)
- (3) Indirect #4: The Company's Retirement and Savings Plans. The number of shares of Common Stock which would be represented by the value of the Reporting Person's Company Securities Funds account in the Issuer's Retirement and Savings Plan is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/08.
- (4) Indirect #8: Keith E. Lindner TTEE, MBL Trust C/U Irrevocable Trust Agreement DTD 11/1/82. (c3)
- (5) Indirect #12: CHL Investments, LLC (c3)
- (6) Indirect #14: CHL III, custodian of a minor. (c3)
- (7) Indirect #15: KEL TTEE, MBL Trust C/U Irrevocable Trust Agreement DTD 7/1/83. (c3)
- (8) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$26.28 to \$26.49, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Financial Group, Inc., ("AFG"), any security holder of AFG, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (8), (10) and (11) to this Form 4.
- (9) Indirect #21: SCL TTEE MBL Trust Dtd 10/26/05. (c3)
- (10) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$25.80 to \$26.28, inclusive.
- (11) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$25.70 to \$25.82, inclusive.
- (12) Indirect #22: SCL TTEE GD Trust Dtd 10/26/05. (c3)
- (13) Indirect #24: KEL, TTEE Under Irrevocable Trust Agreement with CHL III and MSL, Grantors dated 9/26/1989. (c3)

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