

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form 8-K  
February 13, 2012

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 8, 2012

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-7657 (Commission File Number)	13-4922250 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)	10285 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 640-2000

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(b) On February 8, 2012, Daniel F. Akerson notified American Express Company (the “Company”) of his decision not to stand for re-election to the Board of Directors at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders in order to devote additional time to his duties as Chairman and CEO of General Motors. Mr. Akerson has served as a director since 1995.

A copy of the press containing the announcement of Mr. Akerson’s decision is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 American Express Company Press Release, dated February 13, 2012.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Carol V. Schwartz  
Name: Carol V. Schwartz  
Title: Secretary

Date: February 13, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
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