

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2014

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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): October 20, 2014

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.)

200 Vesey Street  
New York, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10285  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 640-2000

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

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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 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year

(a) On October 20, 2014, the Board of Directors of American Express Company (the “Company”) approved an amendment to Section 3.7 of the Company’s By-Laws, effective immediately. The amended Section 3.7 permits the Board to designate one or more committees, each consisting of at least one director; provided, however, that the Audit and Compliance Committee, the Compensation and Benefits Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee shall each consist of at least three directors. The previous provision required that all Board committees consist of at least three directors. The foregoing description of the By-Law amendment is qualified in its entirety by the text of the By-Laws, as amended, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

3.1 Company’s By-Laws, as amended through October 20, 2014.

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: October 21, 2014

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

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