FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* EMMERICH THEODORE H | | | | | <u>A1</u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [| | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---------|------------|--|---------|-------|------------------------------|------------|---|-------|--------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE EAST FOURTH STREET | | | | | 3. 🗅 | AFG] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2010 | | | | | | | | | Off | icer (give title ow) | | (specify | |
| (Street) CINCINNATI OH 45202 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Lin | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - Non | ı-Deriv | ative | Sec | curitie | s Acc | quired, | Disp | osed o | f, or | Bene | ficia | ly Owi | ned | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | (A) or 3, 4 an | d Secu Bend Own | nount of irities eficially ed Following orted | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (<i>A</i> | A) or D) | Price | Tran | saction(s) r. 3 and 4) | | (111501.4) | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 43,941 | D | | |
| Copmmon Stock 06/01/ | | | | | 1/2010 | /2010 | | | A | | 3,039 |) | A | (1) | | 3,039 | I | #1(2) | |
| | | Та | ble II - D | | | | | | | | sed of, onvertib | | | | Owne | d | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | Code (Inst | | | | 6. Date Expiration (Month/D | n Date | Amount of | | | 3. Price o Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | ive derivative Securities | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal | | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | ber | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents a grant of Restricted Stock issued under the Company's Non-Employee Director's Compensation Plan.
- 2. Indirect #1: Theodore H. Emmerich and Katherine H. Emmerich, Trustees of the Theodore H. Emmerich Trust dated 12/14/2009.

Remarks:

<u>Theodore H. Emmerich By:</u> <u>Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-</u>

06/02/2010

Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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