

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LINDNER CARL H</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE EAST FOURTH STREET</u>  (Street) <u>CINCINNATI OH 45202</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [ AFG ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Chairman of the Board</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/15/2008</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock							0	D		
Common Stock	08/15/2008		P		300	A	\$28.24	9,119,544	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	08/15/2008		P		700	A	\$28.3	9,120,244	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	08/15/2008		P		19,000	A	\$28.4	9,139,244	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								2,760,076	I	#2 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								2,088,915	I	#3 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								4,254	I	#4 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								2,185,261	I	#8 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock								75,457	I	#9 <sup>(6)</sup>

**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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Indirect #1: By Carl H. Lindner Jr., et al, TTEE for the CHL Amended and Restated Family Trust dated 12/23/83.
- Indirect #2: By Edyth B. Lindner, Spouse.
- Indirect #3: EBL TTEE of the Edyth B. Lindner Family Trust dated 4/13/04.
- Indirect #4: By Carl H. Lindner, Jr., et al, Trustee of the CHL Amended and Restated Family Trust dated 1/22/82.
- Indirect #8: By Joseph A. Pedoto, TTEE of the Edyth B. Lindner 2005-1 Qualified Annuity trust dated 4/26/2005.
- Indirect #9: 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 12/31/07.

**Remarks:**

Carl H. Lindner, By Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact      08/18/2008

\*\* 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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