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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres	ss of Reporting Perso ITH A	n*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC</u> [AFG]		ationship of Reporting Pe < all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	rrson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE EAST FOURTH STREET		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2008		Sr. Vice Pre	,
(Street) CINCINNATI (City)	OH (State)	45202 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filir Form filed by One Re Form filed by More the Person	porting 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. Transa Code (8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150. 4)
Common Stock	09/30/2008		М		1,000	A	\$23.7933	25,765	D	
Common Stock	09/30/2008		S		1,000	D	\$29.5	24,765	D	
Common Stock								1,816	Ι	401-K ⁽¹⁾

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. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	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)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option	\$23.7933	09/30/2008		М			1,000	(2)	02/26/2009	Common Stock	1,000	\$0.00	111,100	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Totals as of 12/31/2007.

2. These Employee Stock Options ("Options") become exercisable as to 20% of the shares initially granted on the first anniversary of the date of grant, with an additional 20% becoming exercisable on each subsequent anniversary. The Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

Remarks:

Keith A. Jensen By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact

10/01/2008

** 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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