## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Check this box if no longer subjec	t to
Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5	
obligations may continue. See	
Instruction 1(b).	

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

OMB APPROVAL								
OMB Number:	3235-0287							
Estimated average burd	len							

hours per response: 0	).5

LINDNER CARL H		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
		AFG ]	X	Director	Х	10% Owner		
(Last) (First)	(Middle)			Officer (give title below)	Х	Other (specify below)		
ONE EAST FOURTH STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/14/2008		Chairman of the Board				
(Street) CINCINNATI OH	45202	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 08/18/2008	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Form filed by One	0 (			
(City) (State)	(Zip)	-		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)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)					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)	
					Amount	mount (A) or (D)		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150. 4)	
Common Stock	04/25/2008		Р	v	10,269.75 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$26.485	138,392 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	#3 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	07/25/2008		Р	v	9,560.386 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$28.59	147,952	Ι	#3 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock	04/25/2008		Р	v	20.917(1)	A	\$26.485	4,275	Ι	#4 <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	
Common Stock	07/25/2008		Р	v	19.472 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$28.59	4,294	Ι	#4 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Common Stock								3,000,000 <sup>(2)(6)</sup>	Ι	#5 <sup>(7)</sup>	
Common Stock								5,000,000	Ι	<b>#6</b> <sup>(6)(8)</sup>	
Common Stock								0 <sup>(6)(9)(10)</sup>	Ι	<b>#8</b> <sup>(11)</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. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	of Expiration Date Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed					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				

Explanation of Responses:

1. This is a distribution from the Company DRIP Plan.

2. On July 25, 2008, Indirect #1 transferred 2,970,000 shares of the Company Stock to Indirect #5.

3. Indirect #3 EBL TTEE of the Edyth B. Lindner Family Trust Dated 4/13/04.

4. Indirect #1 By Carl H. Lindner J., et al, TTEE for the CHL Amended and restated Family Trust dated 12/23/83.

5. Indirect #4: By Carl H. Lindner, Jr., et al, Trustee of the CHL Amended and Restated FamilyTrust dated 1/22/82.

6. On April 29, 2008, Indirect #8 transferred 53,775 shares of common stock to Indirect #2 and on July 21, 2008, Indirect #2 transferred 3,039,207 shares of common stock to Indirect #6. On July 25, Indirect #1 transferred 30,000 shares of common stock to Indirect #5. Also on July 21, 2008, Indirect #3 transferred 1,960,793 shares of common stock to Indirect #6.

7. Indirect #5: C&E Investments LLC, a limited liability company in which the members are the reporting person's spouse (1%) and a charitable lead annuity trust (99%). The reporting person disclaims beneficial interest in any shres to the extent he has no pecuniary interest.

8. Indirect #6: EBL 2008-1 Qualified Annuity Trust dtd 7/21/08

9. On April 4, 2008, Indirect #8 transferred 240,604 shares of Common Stock to Indirect #2.

10. On July 21, 2008, Indirect #8 transferred 1,890,882 to family members of the Reporting Person.

11. Indirect #8: By Joseph A. Pedoto TTEE of the Edyth B. Lindner 2005-1 Quality Annuity trusted dated 4/26/2005.

**Remarks:** 

Carl H. Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe as Attorney-in-Fact

<u>08/19/2008</u>

\*\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.