

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Neugent Gerard D.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/02/2014

6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	07/02/2014		S		100	D	\$ 24.58	60,203	I <sup>(1)</sup>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014		S		200	D	\$ 24.59	60,003	I <sup>(1)</sup>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is

Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	100	D	\$ 24.61	59,903	I <u>(1)</u>	Trustee. Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	200	D	\$ 24.62	59,703	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	600	D	\$ 24.63	59,103	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	1,137	D	\$ 24.64	57,966	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	1,156	D	\$ 24.65	56,810	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	805	D	\$ 24.66	56,005	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	1,000	D	\$ 24.67	55,005	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	1,200	D	\$ 24.68	53,805	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr.

Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	1,400	D	\$ 24.69	52,405	I <u>(1)</u>	Neugent is Trustee. Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	500	D	\$ 24.7	51,905	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	100	D	\$ 24.74	51,805	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	100	D	\$ 24.78	51,705	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	402	D	\$ 24.8	51,303	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	500	D	\$ 24.81	50,803	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	400	D	\$ 24.82	50,403	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.
Common Stock	07/02/2014	S	100	D	\$ 24.83	50,303	I <u>(1)</u>	Shares are owned by a trust to

which Mr. Neugent is Trustee.

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

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**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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Neugent Gerard D. 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266		X		

## Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney  
07/03/2014

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) These shares are owned by a trust to which Mr. Neugent is a trustee.

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