

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2009

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 16, 2009

AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| IOWA<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation)  | 001-31911<br>(Commission File Number) | 42-1447959<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| 5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines, Iowa<br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) |                                       | 50266<br>(Zip Code)                                |

(515) 221-0002  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the Press Release and Financial Supplement issued by the American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the "Company") with respect to the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2008. The information in this report, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated March 16, 2009 and Financial Supplement dated December 31, 2008

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 16, 2009

AMERICAN EQUITY  
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By: /s/ Wendy L. Carlson  
Wendy L. Carlson  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description   |
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