

LINDNER CARL H  
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# FORM 5

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LINDNER CARL H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board

ONE EAST FOURTH STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/12/2007	Â	G	900	D	\$ 0	9,159,395	I #1 (1)	
Common Stock	10/25/2007	Â	P	33,414.83 (2)	A	\$ 27.28	9,192,809	I #1 (1)	
Common Stock	10/30/2007	Â	G	36,633	D	\$ 0	9,156,176	I #1 (1)	
Common Stock	11/02/2007	Â	G	15,411	D	\$ 0	9,140,765	I #1 (1)	

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Common Stock	11/08/2007	Â	G	6,560	D	\$ 0	9,134,205	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/14/2007	Â	G	22,029	D	\$ 0	9,112,176	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/07/2007	Â	G	16,033	D	\$ 0	9,096,143	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/11/2007	Â	G	10,880	D	\$ 0	9,085,263	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	10/25/2007	Â	P	9,637.04 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 27.28 <sup>(3)</sup>	2,533,462	I	#2 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	10/25/2007	Â	P	7,907.949 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 27.28	2,078,904	I	#3 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock	10/25/2007	Â	P	16.107 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 27.28	4,234	I	#4 <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	2,398,648 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	#8 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	75,457	I	#9

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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Compensation	\$ 28.88	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	Â <sup>(8)</sup> Â <sup>(8)</sup>	Common Stock 19,956.7

## Reporting Owners

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	<b>Relationships</b>
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LINDNER CARL H  
ONE EAST FOURTH STREET    X    X    X    Chairman of the Board  
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

## Signatures

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

02/05/2008

\_\_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) Indirect #1: By Carl H. Lindner Jr., et al., TTEE for the CHL amended and Restated Family Trust dated 12/23/83.

(2) These shares were purchased through the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(3) On October 4, 2007, Indirect #8 transferred 216,109 shares of the Company common stock to Indirect #2.

(4) Indirect #2: By Edyth B. Lindner, Spouse.

(5) Indirect #3: EBL TTEE of the Edyth B. Lindner Family Trust dated 4/13/04.

(6) Indirect #4: By Carl H. Lindner, Jr., et al., Trustee of the CHL Amended and Restated Family Trust dated 1/22/82.

(7) Indirect #8: By Joseph A. Pedoto, TTEE of the Edyth B. Lindner 2005-1 Qualified Annuity Trust dated 4/26/2005.

Represents amounts deferred by the Reporting Person in the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan. The account value increases or  
(8) decreases based on the value of the Issuer's common stock. Upon termination of employment or earlier, if so elected, the Reporting  
Person's account balance may be distributed, at the option of the Issuer, either in cash or in shares of the Issuer's common stock.

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