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AMERICAN EXPRESS CO
Form 8-K
February 01, 2005

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): February 1, 2005

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New York

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-7657

13-4922250

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center,
New York, New York

10285

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(212) 640-2000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

None

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 1, 2005, we announced our plans to pursue a spin-off of our American Express Financial Advisors unit to our shareholders. A copy of our press release, attached hereto as Exhibit 99, is being furnished pursuant to Regulation FD and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 Press Release issued by American Express Company, dated February 1, 2005.

SIGNATURE

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

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Gary Crittenden

Name: Gary Crittenden
Title: Chief Financial Officer

DATE: February 1, 2005

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Exhibit 99

Press Release Issued by American Express Company, dated
February 1, 2005.