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(Print or Type Res	ponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> HILTON ROBERT L			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
							(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (A	Middle)						ve title Oth below)	% Owner her (specify	
6000 WESTO	WN PARKWA	ΑY	06/11/2010							
	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person						
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	· ·	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code N	(A) (A	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Options - Right to Buy	\$ 9.27	06/11/2010		А	15,000		06/11/2013	06/10/2020	Common Stock	15,000	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HILTON ROBERT L 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	Х			
Signatures				
Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney				
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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