

MISCHELL THOMAS E  
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# FORM 5

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

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|   |         |          |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol           |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer               |  |
| MISCHELL THOMAS E                         |         |          | AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]                           |  | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner             |
|   |         |          | 12/31/2008   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| ONE EAST FOURTH STREET                    |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)         |  | Sr. V.P. - Taxes   |  |
|   |         |          | 02/13/2009   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) |  |
| CINCINNATI, OH 45202                      |         |          |  |  |  |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |  |  |  |  |

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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 12/24/2008                           | ^  | G                              | 2,000 D \$ 0  | 155,200 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  | ^                                 |
| Common Stock                    | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^ ^ ^   | 1,500  | I  | #1 <sup>(2)</sup>                 |
| Common Stock                    | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^ ^ ^   | 18,695   | I  | #2 <sup>(3)</sup>                 |
| Common Stock                    | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^ ^ ^   | 46,533   | I  | #3 <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>  |

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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. of D S B O E Is F (I    |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable (A) (D)                                 | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| MISCHELL THOMAS E<br>ONE EAST FOURTH STREET<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | Â             | Â         | Â Sr. V.P. - Taxes | Â     |

## Signatures

Thomas E. Mischell By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact 03/11/2009

\_\_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) This amendment reflects a correction to a gift of shares to family members in December 2008, in which shares the Reporting Person retained no pecuniary interest.
- (2) Indirect #1 Represents one-half of the 3,000 shares held by a general partnership of which the Reporting Person is a 50% partner.
- (3) Indirect #2: Shares allocated to the reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). All ESPP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2008.
- (4) The Company's Retirement and Savings Plans. The number of shares of Common Stock which would be represented by the value of the Reporting Person's Company Securities Funds account in the Issuer's Retirement and Savings Plan is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/08.
- (5) This amendment also corrects the Reporting Person's year-end balance in the Issuer's RASP.

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