FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* JACOBS TERRY S					<u>A1</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC AFG									elationshi eck all app K Dired	olicable)	g Person(s) to I	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 100 EAST RIVER CENTER BLVD 9TH FLOOR					3. 0	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2003									Offic below	er (give title w)	Other below	(specify)
(Street) COVINGTON KY 41011 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line) X Forn Forn	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day)					ction	tion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. 4. Securiti Disposed Code (Instr.		ies Acquired (A) o Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) or	5. Amo Secur Benef Owner Repor	ount of ities icially d Following ted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 10/01/2						1002		Code	V	Amount 360	(A) (D)	_	rice 522.24	(Instr.	action(s) 3 and 4) 1,196	D		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Derivative Security (Instr. 3) (e.g., pu 3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)					uts, c 4. Transa	ts, calls, warrants 4. 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired			ired, Disposed of, options, convertib 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)					8. D S (I	Owned Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number or derivative Securities Beneficially Owned	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Security				Code	v	(A) or Disport of (D) (Instrand 5	sed . 3, 4			Expiration Date	Securi and 4)		ount mber		Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

<u>Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-</u> <u>Fact for Terry S. Jacobs</u>

10/01/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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