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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Chapman Joyce Ann						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT  LIFE HOLDING CO [ AEL ]							(Ch	eck all app X Direct Office	blicable) tor er (give title			Owner (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/08/2023									belov	v)		below)	
(Street) WEST DES MOINES IA 50266				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City) (State) (Zip)						Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.													
		Table	I - No	n-Derivat	tive Se	ecur	ities	Acq	uired,	Disp	oosed of	, or	Bene	eficia	ally Owr	ned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day						Deemed cution Date, y nth/Day/Year)				ties Acquired (A I Of (D) (Instr. 3,			5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow	cially I	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A (C	A) or D)	Price		rted action(s) . 3 and 4)			
Common Stock 06/08/2						2023			A 3,303		)	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	5	58,183		D		
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)	ate Execution Date,			4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		ative rities ired osed	6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Da		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4		d 4)	3. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly Ow For Dir or (I)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code V		(A)	(D)			Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber					

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted stock vests earlier of grant date anniversary or AEL's 2024 annual shareholder meeting.

## Remarks:

/s/ Mark A. Schuman, authorized signer

06/12/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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