

Edgar Filing: AMERICAN EXPRESS CO - Form SC 13G/A

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO
Form SC 13G/A
February 14, 2006

SCHEDULE 13G

Amendment No. 1
American Express Company
Common Stock
Cusip #025816109

Cusip #025816109
Item 1: Reporting Person - FMR Corp.
Item 4: Delaware
Item 5: 4,388,807
Item 6: 0
Item 7: 52,030,730
Item 8: 0
Item 9: 52,030,730
Item 11: 4.186%
Item 12: HC

Cusip #025816109
Item 1: Reporting Person - Edward C. Johnson 3d
Item 4: United States of America
Item 5: 0
Item 6: 0
Item 7: 52,030,730
Item 8: 0
Item 9: 52,030,730
Item 11: 4.186%
Item 12: IN

SCHEDULE 13G - TO BE INCLUDED IN
STATEMENTS
FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b)

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:
American Express Company

Item 1(b). Name of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
American Express Tower, World
Financial Center
200 Vesey Street, 49th Floor
New York, NY 10285

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:
FMR Corp.

Item 2(b). Address or Principal Business Office or, if None,

Edgar Filing: AMERICAN EXPRESS CO - Form SC 13G/A

Residence:

82 Devonshire Street, Boston,
Massachusetts 02109

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Not applicable

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

025816109

Item 3. This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) and the person filing, FMR Corp., is a parent holding company in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G). (Note: See Item 7).

Item 4. Ownership

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 52,030,730
- (b) Percent of Class: 4.186%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 4,388,807
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 52,030,730
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof, the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following (X).

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

See attached Exhibit A.

Edgar Filing: AMERICAN EXPRESS CO - Form SC 13G/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable. See attached Exhibit A.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

Inasmuch as the reporting persons are no longer the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the number of shares outstanding, the reporting persons have no further reporting obligation under Section 13(d) of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder, and the reporting persons have no obligation to amend this Statement if any material change occurs in the facts set forth herein.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2006
Date

/s/Eric D. Roiter
Signature

Eric D, Roiter
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney
dated December 30, 1997 by and on behalf of FMR Corp. and
its direct and indirect subsidiaries

SCHEDULE 13G - TO BE INCLUDED IN
STATEMENTS
FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b)

Pursuant to the instructions in Item 7 of Schedule 13G, Fidelity Management & Research Company ("Fidelity"), 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR Corp. and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, is the beneficial owner of 47,755,063 shares or 3.842% of the Common Stock outstanding of American Express Company ("the Company") as a result of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The number of shares of Common Stock of American Express Company owned by the investment companies at December 31, 2005 included 876,319 shares of Common Stock resulting from the assumed conversion of \$33,600,000 principal amount of AMEX CV 1.85%/0% 12/01/33 144A (26.0809 shares of Common Stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of debenture). The number of shares of Common Stock of American Express Company owned by the investment

Edgar Filing: AMERICAN EXPRESS CO - Form SC 13G/A

companies at December 31, 2005 included 429,082 shares of Common Stock resulting from the assumed conversion of \$16,452,000 principal amount of AMEX CV 1.85%/0% 12/01/33 (26.0809 shares of Common Stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of debenture).

Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR Corp., through its control of Fidelity, and the funds each has sole power to dispose of the 47,755,063 shares owned by the Funds.

Members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR Corp., are the predominant owners, directly or through trusts, of Series B shares of common stock of FMR Corp., representing 49% of the voting power of FMR Corp. The Johnson family group and all other Series B shareholders have entered into a shareholders' voting agreement under which all Series B shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Series B shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common stock and the execution of the shareholders' voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR Corp.

Neither FMR Corp. nor Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR Corp., has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the Fidelity Funds, which power resides with the Funds' Boards of Trustees. Fidelity carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by the Funds' Boards of Trustees.

Fidelity Management Trust Company, 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR Corp. and a bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, is the beneficial owner of 2,685,431 shares or 0.216% of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of the institutional account(s). The number of shares of Common Stock of American Express Company owned by the institutional account(s) at December 31, 2005 included 52 shares of Common Stock resulting from the assumed conversion of \$2,000 principal amount of AMEX CV 1.85%/0% 12/01/33 (26.0809 shares of Common Stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of debenture).

Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR Corp., through its control of Fidelity Management Trust Company, each has sole dispositive power over 2,685,431 shares and sole power to vote or to direct the voting of 2,438,891 shares, and no power to vote or to direct the voting of 246,540 shares of Common Stock owned by the institutional account(s) as reported above.

Strategic Advisers, Inc., 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR Corp. and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, provides investment advisory services to individuals. As such, FMR Corp.'s beneficial ownership includes 23,676 shares, or 0.002%, of the Common Stock stock outstanding of American Express Company, beneficially owned through Strategic Advisers, Inc.

Fidelity International Limited ("FIL"), Pembroke Hall, 42 Crow Lane, Hamilton, Bermuda, and various foreign-based

Edgar Filing: AMERICAN EXPRESS CO - Form SC 13G/A

subsidiaries provide investment advisory and management services to a number of non-U.S. investment companies and certain institutional investors. FIL, which is a qualified institution under section 240.13d-1(b)(1) pursuant to an SEC No-Action letter dated October 5, 2000, is the beneficial owner of 1,566,560 shares or 0.126% of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company. The number of shares of Common Stock of American Express Company owned by the institutional account(s) at December 31, 2005 included 52 shares of Common Stock resulting from the assumed conversion of \$2,000 principal amount of AMEX CV 1.85%/0% 12/01/33 (26.0809 shares of Common Stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of debenture).

A partnership controlled predominantly by members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR Corp. and FIL, or trusts for their benefit, owns shares of FIL voting stock with the right to cast approximately 38% of the total votes which may be cast by all holders of FIL voting stock. FMR Corp. and FIL are separate and independent corporate entities, and their Boards of Directors are generally composed of different individuals.

FMR Corp. and FIL are of the view that they are not acting as a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934" Act) and that they are not otherwise required to attribute to each other the "beneficial ownership" of securities "beneficially owned" by the other corporation within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the 1934 Act. Therefore, they are of the view that the shares held by the other corporation need not be aggregated for purposes of Section 13(d). However, FMR Corp. is making this filing on a voluntary basis as if all of the shares are beneficially owned by FMR Corp. and FIL on a joint basis.

SCHEDULE 13G - TO BE INCLUDED IN
STATEMENTS

FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b)
RULE 13d-1(f)(1) AGREEMENT

The undersigned persons, on February 14, 2006, agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the Common Stock of American Express Company at December 31, 2005.

FMR Corp.

By /s/ Eric D. Roiter
Eric D. Roiter
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney dated
December 30, 1997, by and on behalf of FMR Corp. and its
direct and indirect subsidiaries

Edward C. Johnson 3d

By /s/ Eric D. Roiter
Eric D. Roiter
Duly authorized under Power of Attorney dated

Edgar Filing: AMERICAN EXPRESS CO - Form SC 13G/A

December 30, 1997, by and on behalf of Edward C. Johnson

3d

Fidelity Management & Research Company

By /s/ Eric D. Roiter

Eric D. Roiter

Senior V.P. and General Counsel