

DAVIDSON SPENCER
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DAVIDSON SPENCER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC, 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/26/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
11/26/2008

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/26/2008		P	6,600 A \$ 15	627,512	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock					533,266	I	By Trusts ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					34,196	I	By Thrift Plan Trust ⁽³⁾
5.95% Preferred					87,400	I	By Trusts ⁽²⁾

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