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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 26, 2009

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

	New York	1-7657	13-4922250
	or other jurisdiction incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
2	200 Vesey Street, World New York, New		10285
(Address of principal e	executive offices)	(Zip Code)
R€	egistrant's telephone n	number, including area code	: (212) 640-2000
None			
		er address, if changed sinc	
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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The following information is furnished under Item 2.02 - Results of

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Operations and Financial Condition and Item 7.01 - Regulation FD Disclosure:

On January 26, 2009, American Express Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year of 2008. A copy of such press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference. In addition, in conjunction with the announcement of its financial results, American Express Company distributed additional financial information relating to its 2008 fourth quarter and full year financial results and a 2008 Fourth Quarter/Full Year Earnings Supplement. Such additional financial information and the 2008 Fourth Quarter/Full Year Earnings Supplement are attached to this report as Exhibits 99.2 and 99.3, respectively, and each is hereby incorporated by reference.

EXHIBIT

- 99.1 Press Release, dated January 26, 2009, of American Express Company announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year of 2008.
- 99.2 Additional financial information relating to the financial results of American Express Company for the fourth quarter and full year of 2008.
- 99.3 2008 Fourth Quarter/Full Year Earnings Supplement of American Express Company.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Stephen P. Norman Name: Stephen P. Norman

Title: Secretary

DATE: January 26, 2009

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

No.	Description
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	announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and full

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- 99.2 Additional financial information relating to the financial results of American Express Company for the fourth quarter and full year of 2008.
- 99.3 2008 Fourth Quarter/Full Year Earnings Supplement of American Express Company.