

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form 8-K  
October 30, 2017

**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): **October 30, 2017**

**AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**1-7657**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-4922250**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**200 Vesey Street**  
**New York, New York**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10285**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 640-2000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On October 30, 2017, American Express Company (the Company) issued \$1,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 2.200% Notes due October 30, 2020 (the 2020 Fixed Rate Notes), \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Floating Rate Notes due October 30, 2020 (the Floating Rate Notes) and \$1,650,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.000% Notes due October 30, 2024 (the 2024 Fixed Rate Notes) and, together with the 2020 Fixed Rate Notes and the Floating Rate Notes, the Securities) pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement dated October 23, 2017 to the Prospectus dated October 2, 2015, filed as part of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-207239). The Securities were issued pursuant to the Senior Debt Indenture, dated as of August 1, 2007, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee.

The preceding is a summary of the terms of the Securities and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Forms of Global Notes attached as Exhibit 4.1, Exhibit 4.2 and Exhibit 4.3, and each is incorporated herein by reference as though it were fully set forth herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

4.1 Form of Global Note for the 2020 Fixed Rate Notes.

4.2 Form of Global Note for the Floating Rate Notes.

4.3 Form of Global Note for the 2024 Fixed Rate Notes.

5 Opinion and Consent of David S. Carroll, Esq.

23 Consent of Counsel (included in Exhibit 5).

**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/ Tangela S. Richter  
Name: Tangela S. Richter  
Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: October 30, 2017