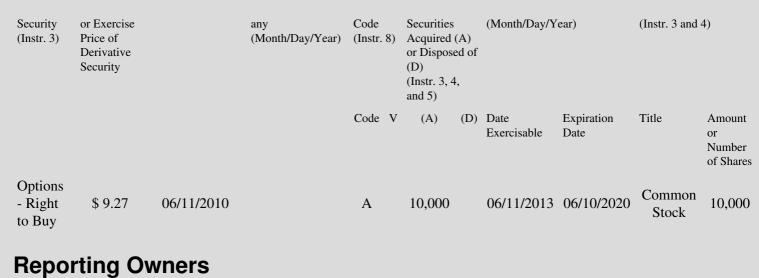
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(Print or Type Resp	onses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Chapman Joyce Ann			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
			AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
6000 WESTOW	N PARKWA	ΑY	06/11/2								
(Street) WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 					
							Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-			cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	ransaction Date nth/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, -	(A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Chapman Joyce Ann 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	Х					
Signatures						
Debra J. Richardson, By Power of Attorney	2	06/15/	2010			
**Signature of Reporting Person		Dat	e			

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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