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Subordinated Debt Securities

(Title of the indenture securities)

FORM T-1 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2) THE BANK OF NEW YORK (Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter) 13-5160382 New York (State of incorporation (I.R.S. employer identification no.) if not a U.S. national bank) One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code) AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter) New York 13-4922250 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. employer incorporation or organization) identification no.) 200 Vesey Street New York, New York 10285 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

1. General information. Furnish the following information as to the Trustee:

(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

Name Address

Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York

One State Street, New York, N.Y. 10004-1417, and

Albany, N.Y. 12223

Federal Reserve Bank of New York 33 Liberty Street, New York, N.Y. 10045

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Washington, D.C. 20429

New York Clearing House Association New York, New York 10005

(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Yes.

#### 2. Affiliations with Obligor.

If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.

None.

#### 16. List of Exhibits.

Exhibits identified in parentheses below, on file with the Commission, are incorporated herein by reference as an exhibit hereto, pursuant to Rule 7a-29 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Act") and 17 C.F.R. 229.10(d).

- 1. A copy of the Organization Certificate of The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) as now in effect, which contains the authority to commence business and a grant of powers to exercise corporate trust powers. (Exhibit 1 to Amendment No. 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-6215, Exhibits 1a and 1b to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-29637 and Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-121195.)
- 4. A copy of the existing By-laws of the Trustee. (Exhibit 4 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-121195.)

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- 6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act. (Exhibit 6 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-106702.)
- 7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

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### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Trustee, The Bank of New York, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York, and State of New York, on the 21st day of July, 2006.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /S/ VAN K. BROWN Name: VAN K. BROWN Title: VICE PRESIDENT

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### EXHIBIT 7

Consolidated Report of Condition of

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

of One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286

And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,

a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business March 31, 2006, published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

	Dollar Amounts
ASSETS	In Thousands
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	\$3,230,000
Interest-bearing balances	6,440,000
Securities:	
Held-to-maturity securities	2,165,000
Available-for-sale securities	22,631,000
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	
Federal funds sold in domestic offices	2,955,000
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	315,000
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases held for sale	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	32,983,000
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	415,000
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance	32,568,000
Trading assets	6,861,000
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	828,000
Other real estate owned	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	298,000
Not applicable	
Intangible assets:	
Goodwill	2,148,000
Other intangible assets	760,000
Other assets	6,551,000
Total assets	\$87,750,000

LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
In domestic offices	\$35,956,000	
Noninterest-bearing	16,637,000	
Interest-bearing	19,319,000	
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	30,215,000	
Noninterest-bearing	578,000	
Interest-bearing	29,637,000	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		
Federal funds purchased in domestic offices	825,000	
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	123,000	
Trading liabilities	2,509,000	
Other borrowed money:		
(includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)	1,890,000	
Not applicable	, ,	
Not applicable		
Subordinated notes and debentures	1,955,000	
Other liabilities	5,573,000	
Total liabilities	\$79,046,000	
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Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	151,000	
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EQUITY CAPITAL		
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0	
Common stock	1,135,000	
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)	2,107,000	
Retained earnings	5,487,000	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	-176,000	
Other equity capital components	0	
Total equity capital	8,553,000	
Total liabilities, minority interest, and equity capital		

I, Thomas J. Mastro, Executive Vice President and and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief	Comptroller of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true.
Thomas J. Mastro,	
Executive Vice President and Comptroller	
, &	ness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, en prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.
Thomas A. Renyi	
Gerald L. Hassell	Directors