

AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HESS WILLIAM H**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN TOWER CORP /MA/ [AMT]**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/10/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Int'l. Operations

BOSTON, MA 02116  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)  | Amount  |  |                                   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Price   |  |                                   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 7,864   | A  | \$ 0 19,497                       | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 2,617   | D  | \$ 62.22 16,880                   | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 5,219   | A  | \$ 0 22,099                       | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 2,179   | D  | \$ 62.22 19,920                   | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 5,170   | A  | \$ 0 25,090                       | D |

|              |            |   |       |   |          |        |   |          |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|----------|
| Common Stock | 03/10/2012 | F | 2,159 | D | \$ 62.22 | 22,931 | D |          |
| Common Stock |            |   |       |   |          | 5,095  | I | By GRATs |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)                        |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/10/2012                           |  | M                              | 7,864   | <u>(2)</u>   | <u>(2)</u>  | Common Stock                                       | 7,864                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/10/2012                           |  | M                              | 5,219   | <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(3)</u>  | Common Stock                                       | 5,219                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/10/2012                           |  | M                              | 5,170   | <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>  | Common Stock                                       | 5,170                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| HESS WILLIAM H<br>116 HUNTINGTON AVENUE<br>BOSTON, MA 02116 |               |           | EVP, Int'l. Operations |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Mneesha O. Nahata, as  
attorney-in-fact

03/13/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock.
- (2) This RSU was granted on March 10, 2009 pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and vests in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 10, 2010. This Form 4 reflects the vesting of this RSU on March 10, 2012 as to 75% of the original grant amount.
- (3) This RSU was granted on March 10, 2010 pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and vests in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 10, 2011. This Form 4 reflects the vesting of this RSU on March 10, 2012 as to 50% of the original grant amount.
- (4) This RSU was granted on March 10, 2011 pursuant to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, and vests in 25% cumulative annual increments beginning March 10, 2012. This Form 4 reflects the vesting of this RSU on March 10, 2012 as to 25% of the original grant amount.

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