AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO Form 8-K September 01, 2006

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): August 31, 2006

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

IOWA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-31911 (Commission File Number)

42-1447959 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines, Iowa (Address of principal executive offices)

50266 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code(515) 221-0002

NOT APPLICABLE

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

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is an announcement dated August 30, 2006 on the Sale of AEL Common Stock to NMO Deferred Compensation Trust by Certain Officers and Directors.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Sale of AEL Common Stock to NMO Deferred Compensation Trust by Certain Officers and Directors

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: August31, 2006

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

By: /s/ Wendy L. Carlson

Wendy L. Carlson

Chief Financial Officer and

General Counsel

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Number Description.

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