

CLEMENTI CAROLE ANNE
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 CLEMENTI CAROLE ANNE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC, 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------------------|--|--|---|
| | | | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2011 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 31 | A | \$ 25.48 | 1,624 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2011 | | J ⁽²⁾ | 2,605 | A | \$ ⁽²⁾ | 56,691 | I | By Thrift Plan Trust ⁽³⁾ |
| 5.95% Preferred | 12/31/2011 ⁽⁴⁾ | | J ⁽⁴⁾ | 16 | A | \$ ⁽⁴⁾ | 287 | D | |

Stock

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of D |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---------|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CLEMENTI CAROLE ANNE C/O GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017 | Â | Â | Â Secretary | Â |

Signatures

/s/Carole Anne Clementi 01/24/2011

**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) Shares received in payment of dividends.
- (2) The securities reported herein were acquired on a periodic basis in open market transactions at the then prevailing market prices pursuant to the Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan. The information is based upon a statement as of 12/31/2011 issued by the Plan Administrator.
- (3) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (4) Shares received in payment of dividends on 3/24/11, 6/24/11, 9/26/11 and 12/27/11 (in a dividend re-investment brokerage account) at the then prevailing market price.

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