
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE TO
(RULE 13e-4)
TENDER OFFER STATEMENT
UNDER
SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

**Options to Purchase Class A Common Stock,
\$.01 Par Value Per Share**
(Title of Class of Securities)

029912 201
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)
(Underlying Class A Common Stock)

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Calculation of Filing Fee*

Transaction Valuation: Not Applicable

Amount of Filing Fee: Not Applicable

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Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

- third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
 issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
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 amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

The following relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of an anticipated voluntary employee stock option exchange program by American Tower Corporation (the "Company"):

On May 22, 2003, stockholders of the Company voted at its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to approve a proposed voluntary employee option exchange program (the "Exchange Program"). The Exchange Program may be commenced at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. The Exchange Program is described in the Company's Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement dated April 14, 2003 (the "Proxy Statement"). On May 23, 2003, the Company sent a firm-wide email to employees regarding the stockholder approval of the Exchange Program, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1. The Proxy Statement is filed as Exhibit 99.2.

The information does not constitute an offer to holders of options to purchase the Company's Class A common stock to exchange their options. At the time the Exchange Program is commenced, the Company will provide to option holders who are eligible to participate in the Exchange Program written materials explaining the terms, conditions and timing of the Exchange Program. Persons who are eligible to participate in the Exchange Program should read these written materials carefully when they become available because they will contain important information about the Exchange Program. The Company will file the materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of a tender offer statement. The Company's stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain these written materials and other documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission free of charge from the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Email to employees of the Company dated May 23, 2003.
99.2	Definitive Proxy Statement for Annual Meeting of Stockholders (incorporated by reference to the Company's Schedule 14A, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 14, 2003).

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS—Brought to you by HR at American Tower

May 23, 2003

Stockholders and Board Approve Stock Option Exchange Program

Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, the stockholders approved the proposed Option Exchange Program for eligible employee option holders at yesterday's annual meeting. The option exchange program will be voluntary, and eligible option holders can decide whether it is in their best interest to participate. Existing options that are not exchanged will remain outstanding under their original terms. The program is expected to commence in June and complete details will be mailed to the homes of eligible employees and made available online at that time.
