

HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR
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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 *
 HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Gen'l Counsel & Sec'y

(Street)
 BALTIMORE, MD 21202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2010		J	V 995 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	20,206	I	By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust
Common Stock	12/31/2010		J	V 256 ⁽²⁾ A \$ 0 ⁽²⁾	14,846 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/13/2011		A	3,052 A \$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	17,898	D	
Common Stock	01/14/2011		D	478 D \$ 0	17,420	D	
Common Stock	01/14/2011		F	796 D \$ 10.81	16,624	D	

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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)

Table with 10 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Reporting Owner: HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR, 7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140, BALTIMORE, MD 21202. Relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other.

Signatures

Lawrence L. Hooper, Jr. 01/14/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
**(1) Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
The number of shares reported as held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in such stock held in the Trust. Such number is based on information as of December 31, 2010, the most recent date as of which such information is available. This number reflects periodic contributions made during 2010, shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment, and changes in the number of shares previously reported due to fluctuations in the market price and interests in the Trust. Shares were acquired by the Trustee at various times during 2010. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$8.00-11.11 during 2010.
(2) These shares were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$8.00-11.11 during 2010.

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(3) Of these shares, 211 shares are held in two custodial accounts with the undersigned's children.

(4) N/A. Restricted Stock Grant. Shares will vest in 2014.

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