HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR

Form 4

January 14, 2011

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140	(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2010	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Gen'l Counsel & Sec'y			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
BALTIMORE, MD 21202		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	tionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)) Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						
					(A) or						
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
									of		
				Code V	I(A)(D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR 7 ST PAUL STREET STE 1140 BALTIMORE, MD 21202

VP, Gen'l Counsel & Sec'y

Signatures

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

**Signature of Reporting Date

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- 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).

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

- (1) 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.
- 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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