

HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR

Form 4

December 30, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140

(Street)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP. Gen'l Counsel & Sec'y

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired 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)
Common Stock	12/28/2011		J	V 319 A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	20,525	I	By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust
Common Stock	12/28/2011		J	V 436 A \$ 0 ⁽²⁾	17,062 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2011		M	5,576 A \$ 8.935	22,638	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2011		M	5,576 D \$ 9.74	17,062	D	

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 (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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option w/tandem SAR ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 8.935	12/28/2011		M	5,576	01/10/2004	01/10/2012	Common Stock	5,576

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR 7 ST PAUL STREET STE 1140 BALTIMORE, MD 21202	VP. Gen'l Counsel & Sec'y

Signatures

Lawrence L.
Hooper, Jr. 12/30/2011

__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).

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 28, 2011. This number reflects periodic contributions

- (1) made during 2011, 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 2011. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$8.63-11.70 from January 1, 2011 through December 28, 2011.

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- (2) These shares were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$8.63-\$11.70 from January 1, 2011 through December 28, 2011.
- (3) Of these shares, 226 shares are held in custodial accounts with the undersigned's children.
- (4) The tandem stock option to purchase 5576 shares has also been cancelled.

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