

EMERSON DANIEL E  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
EMERSON DANIEL E

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/02/2010

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

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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(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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/02/2010                           |  | J                              | V 218 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 10.2                                    | 31,019  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/19/2010                           |  | J                              | V 31 <sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 10.56                                    | 31,050  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/23/2010                           |  | A                              | 750 <sup>(3)</sup> A \$ 0   | 31,800  | 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 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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EMERSON DANIEL E<br>7 ST PAUL STREET<br>STE 1140<br>BALTIMORE, MD 21202 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Daniel E. Emerson 03/24/2010

\*\*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) These shares were acquired as dividend equivalents which were issued in conjunction with 750 restricted stock units which vested in 2007, but were deferred until January 2, 2010.
- (2) These shares were acquired as dividend equivalents which were issued in conjunction with 400 restricted stock units which vested on 3/19/2010.
- (3) These shares were granted as restricted stock units which will vest one year from the date of grant along with dividend equivalents, unless the reporting person elects to defer the vesting date. The restricted stock units and the dividend equivalents will be issued in shares of Common Stock.

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