

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)
12/28/2011

____ 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	12/28/2011		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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- (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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