#### HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR

Form 4 January 19, 2010

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
. <del>.</del>	<b>(T)</b>	2011		(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140			01/15/2010	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				VP, Gen'l Counsel & Sec'y			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
BALTIMORE, MD 21202				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

(City)	(State) (	Table Table	e I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi n(A) or Di		*	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	01/15/2010		D	257	D	\$ 0	34,718 <u>(1)</u>	I	Direct and Indirect (1)	
Common Stock	01/15/2010		F	918	D	\$ 10.34	33,800 (2)	I	Direct and Indirect (2)	

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)

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						Exercisable Date	Date		Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

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

VP, Gen'l Counsel & Sec'y

### **Signatures**

Lawrence L. 01/19/2010 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).
- (1) Of these shares, 15,507 shares are held directly and 19,211 shares are held indirectly by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust.
- (2) Of these shares, 14,589 shares are held directly and 19,211 shares are held indirectly by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust.

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