

ADAMS EXPRESS CO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Â Escherich Frederic A
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
(Month/Day/Year)
02/09/2006

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

THE ADAMS EXPRESS
COMPANY,Â 7 SAINT PAUL
STREET

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

BALTIMORE,Â MDÂ 21202

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | |

| | | | | Shares | | or Indirect (1) (Instr. 5) | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | 02/09/2007 | 02/09/2007 | Common Stock | 750 | \$ 0 (1) | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Escherich Frederic A THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY 7 SAINT PAUL STREET BALTIMORE, MD 21202 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

Signatures

Frederic A.
Escherich

02/16/2006

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Restricted Stock Units will be settled in payment of stock one year from the date of grant if the undersigned is still a director.

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