

HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
12/31/2010

\_\_\_\_ 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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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2010                           |  | J                              | V 995 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 0 <u>(1)</u>                                | 20,206  | I  | By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust                         |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2010                           |  | J                              | V 256 <u>(2)</u> A \$ 0 <u>(2)</u>                                | 14,846 <u>(3)</u>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/13/2011                           |  | A                              | 3,052 A \$ 0 <u>(4)</u>   | 17,898  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/14/2011                           |  | D                              | 478 D \$ 0  | 17,420  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/14/2011                           |  | F                              | 796 D \$ 10.81  | 16,624  | D  |   |



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(3) Of these shares, 211 shares are held in two custodial accounts with the undersigned's children.

(4) N/A. Restricted Stock Grant. Shares will vest in 2014.

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