

Prue Nancy J F
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Prue Nancy J F</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY, 7 SAINT PAUL STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>BALTIMORE, MD 21202</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>03/23/2010</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Vice President</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> |
| | | | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 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) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Common Stock | 5,146 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 6,295 | I | By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 8,092 | I | By Petroleum & Resources Corporation Thrift Plan Trust ⁽³⁾ |

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) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--------------------|--|---|---|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
| Stock options w/tandem SARs | 01/11/2003 | 01/11/2011 | Common Stock | 1,428 | \$ 0 | D Â |
| Stock options w/tandem SARs | 01/10/2004 | 01/10/2012 | Common Stock | 2,091 | \$ 0 | D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Prue Nancy J F ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY 7 SAINT PAUL STREET BALTIMORE, MD 21202 | Â | Â | Â Executive Vice President | Â |

Signatures

Nancy J. F. Prue 03/25/2010
 __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) Of these shares, 1,692 shares are held directly. 3,454 shares were granted as restricted stock of which, depending on meeting performance benchmarks, 910 shares vest in 2011, 1,095 shares vest in 2012, and 1,449 shares vest in 2013.
 The number of shares reported as held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in
 (2) such stock held in the Trust. Such number is based on information as of March 24, 2010, the most recent date such information is available.
 The number of shares reported as held by Petroleum & Resource Corporation Thrift Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportionate
 (3) beneficial interest in such stock held in the Trust. Such number is based on information as of March 24, 2010, the most recent date such information is available.

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