ADAMS EXPRESS CO

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1(b).

(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

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

(Zin)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/10/2008

(Check all applicable)

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

VP, General Counsel & Sec'y

7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140

(Street)

(State)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City)

(City)	(State) (A	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if Trans any Code		ransactionAc Code Di		of (D 4 and))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common	(1)		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price \$ 0	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Stock	12/31/2007 <u>(1)</u>		J	V	83	A	(1)	6,805	D		
Common Stock	01/10/2008		A		2,561	A	\$ 0 (2)	9,366	D		
Common Stock	12/31/2007(3)		J	V	1,498	A	\$ 0 (3)	15,629	I	By Issuer's 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

VP, General Counsel & Sec'y

Signatures

Lawrence L. 01/11/2008 Hooper, Jr.

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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) These shares were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment. Of these shares 179.689 are held in two custodial accounts with the undersigned's children.
- (2) N/A. Restricted Stock Grant. Shares will vest in 2011.
 - The number of shares reported as held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in such stock held in the Trust. Such number is based on information as of December 31, 2007, the most recent date as of which such
- (3) information is available. This number reflects periodic contributions made during 2007, shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment, and changes in the number of shares previously reported due to fluctuations in the market price and interests in the Trust. Shares were acquired by the Trustee at various times during 2007. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$15.42 \$13.00 during 2007.

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