

ADAMS EXPRESS CO
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
EMERSON DANIEL E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140

(Street)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2008		J	1,292 (1) A \$ 0 (1)	29,107	D	

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)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9.
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	D S B O E I F (I	
				(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EMERSON DANIEL E 7 ST PAUL STREET STE 1140 BALTIMORE, MD 21202	X			

Signatures

Daniel E. Emerson 01/27/2009
 **Signature of Reporting Person 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).
 Of these shares, 1,209 were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment. An additional 83 shares were accrued as
 (1) dividend equivalents on deferred stock units (shares received in lieu of director retainer fees). The Issuer's stock traded in a range of
 \$7.20-\$13.74 during 2008.
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