

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### REPORTING OWNER

**Hook Brian Stephen**

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 <b>Hook Brian Stephen</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) <b>CFO and Treasurer</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>12/31/2012</b>					
7 ST. PAUL STREET, SUITE 1140			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)								
BALTIMORE, MD 21202								
(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	12/31/2012		J	V	605.38 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0	11,210.708	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2012		J	V	635.16 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0	4,685.1379 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust
Common Stock	01/10/2013		A		2,722 <sup>(4)</sup>	A	\$11.02	13,932.708	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)					

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. 129.74 of these shares were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$9.75 - \$11.57 during 2012. 475.64 of these shares were acquired in an exempt transaction by gift and are held in a joint tenant account with a family member.
2. These shares are held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust and represent the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in the shares that were acquired by the Trust in 2012 in exempt transactions as a result of periodic contributions made during 2012 and shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment in 2012. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$9.75 - \$11.57 during 2012.
3. 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, 2012. This number includes the shares acquired in exempt transactions through periodic contributions made during 2012, 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 during 2012. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$9.75 - \$11.57 during 2012.
4. N/A. Restricted Stock Grant. Shares will vest in 2016.

**Signatures**

Brian S. Hook

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/14/2013

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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