

OBER DOUGLAS G  
Form 5  
February 04, 2005

**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL  
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
OBER DOUGLAS G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140

(Street)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

☒ Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned at end<br>of Issuer's<br>Fiscal Year<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/31/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>               | Â                                                           | J                                       | 6,535 A \$ <sup>(1)</sup>                                                  | 53,915                                                                                                       | I                                                                    | By Issuer's<br>Thrift Plan<br>Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/31/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>               | Â                                                           | J                                       | 8 A \$ <sup>(2)</sup>                                                      | 116                                                                                                          | D                                                                    | Â                                                                 |

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

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                        | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|                                                                       | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| OBER DOUGLAS G<br>7 ST PAUL STREET<br>STE 1140<br>BALTIMORE, MD 21202 | Â X           | Â         | Â Chairman & CEO | Â     |

## Signatures

Douglas G. Ober 02/04/2005

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

The number of shares of Common Stock 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 12/31/2004, the most recent date as of which

(1) such information is available. This number reflects periodic contributions made during 2004, shares acquired by the Trust through dividend reinvestment, and changes in the number of shares previously reported due to fluctuations in market price and interests in the Trust. Shares were acquired by the Trustee at various times during 2004. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.06-\$13.91.

(2) Reflects exempt acquisitions as a result of dividend reinvestment.

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