

Prue Nancy J F
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Prue Nancy J F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE ADAMS EXPRESS
COMPANY, 7 SAINT PAUL
STREET

(Street)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/31/2012 | | J V | 41.568 | A \$ 0 11,138.85 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2012 | | J V | 99.4291 ⁽²⁾ | A \$ 0 7,152.204 ⁽³⁾ | I | By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2012 | | J V | 125.5265 ⁽⁴⁾ | A \$ 0 9,138.43 ⁽⁵⁾ | I | By PEO Thrift Plan Trust |

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Common Stock 01/10/2013 A 2,252 ⁽⁶⁾ A \$ 11.02 13,390.85 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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Prue Nancy J F
THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY
7 SAINT PAUL STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Nancy J.F. Prue 01/14/2013

**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).
- (1) 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.
- (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

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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 change 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) These shares are held by the Petroleum & Resources Corporation'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.

- (5) The number of shares reported as held by the Petroleum & Resources Corporation'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.

- (6) N/A. Restricted Stock Grant. Shares will vest in 2016.

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