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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

GALE ROGER W

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/01/2005

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

7 ST. PAUL STREET, Â SUITE 1140

(Street)

X Director Officer

10% Owner _Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

BALTIMORE, Â MDÂ 21202

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Direct (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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Title

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

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(Instr. 5)

Restricted Stock Units $12/01/2006\frac{(1)}{12/01/2006}$ 12/01/2006 Common Stock 750 \$\hat{2}\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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GALE ROGER W

7 ST. PAUL STREET $\hat{A} \times \hat{A}$

SUITE 1140

BALTIMORE, Â MDÂ 21202

Signatures

Roger W. Gale 12/05/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Restricted Stock Units will be settled in payment of stock one year from the date of grant if the undersigned is still a director.
- (2) N/A (Restricted Stock Units)

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