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1(b).	Filed pu Holdings Section 17 d tions		Utility Hold		Act	of 193					
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hook Brian Stephen			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ADAMS DIVERSIFIED EQUITY FUND, INC. [ADX]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2015				Director 10% Owner Specify below) below)				
500 EAST 1300	PRATT STREET		, 2013				CFO	& Treasurer			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) T	able I - Non-D	erivative Securi	ties A	cquired	l, Disposed of,	or Beneficially	y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) Or (C)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4	or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/31/2015	Â	J	Amount 465.3602	(D)	Price \$ 0	11,685.834 (4)	D	Â		
Common Stock	12/31/2015	Â	J	1,080.1034 (2)	A	\$ 0	8,389.754 (3)	I	By Issuer's Thrift Plan		

Plan Trust

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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)

Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction	5. Number	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		Amou		8. Price of Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			Securi (Instr.	ities 3 and 4)	(Instr. 5)	
					(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of		
					(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Hook Brian Stephen 500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1300 BALTIMORE, MD 21202	Â	Â	CFO & Treasurer	Â			

Signatures

Gail L. Valenti as Attorney-in-Fact for Brian Stephen
Hook
02/02/2016

**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 \$12.39 \$14.35 in 2015.
- These shares are held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust and represent the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in the shares that (2) were acquired by the Trustee as a result of periodic contributions and shares acquired through dividend reinvestment during the period from January 1, 2015 December 31, 2015. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.39 \$14.35 during that time.
 - 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, 2015. This number includes the shares acquired in
- (3) exempt transactions through periodic contributions made during 2015, 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 2015. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.39 \$14.35 during 2015.
- (4) Of these shares, 593.1034 were acquired in an exempt transaction by gift and are held in a joint tenant account with a family member. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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