#### HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR

Form 5

February 04, 2005

#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 5

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

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Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended	(Check all application)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140			12/31/2004	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  V.P., Gen'l Counsel & Sec'y			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)				
				(check applicable line)			
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(City)	(State) (Z	(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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o l of (D	)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/31/2004(1)	Â	J	1,247	A	\$ <u>(1)</u>	11,219	I	By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust (1)	
Common Stock	12/31/2004	Â	J	14 (2)	A	\$ (3)	66 (4)	D	Â	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
	·				(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration	<b></b> .	or	
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number	
									of	
					(A) (D)				Shares	

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HOOPER LAWRENCE L JR 7 ST PAUL STREET STE 1140 BALTIMORE, MD 21202	Â	Â	V.P., Gen'l Counsel & Sec'y	Â			

# **Signatures**

Lawrence L.
Hooper, Jr.

\*\*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 the 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 acquisition of 5 shares as a result of dividend reinvestment and the acquisition of 9 shares (Code L under Rule 16a-6).
- (3) Shares were acquired at various times during 2004. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.06-\$13.91.
- (4) Of these shares, 55 shares are held in two custodial accounts with the undersigned's children.

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