

Prue Nancy J F  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Prue Nancy J F  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

ADAMS EXPRESS  
COMPANY, 7 SAINT PAUL  
STREET

(Street)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
03/23/2010

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	5,146 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	6,295	I	By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	8,092	I	By Petroleum & Resources Corporation Thrift Plan Trust <sup>(3)</sup>

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)**

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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 Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Stock options w/tandem SARs	01/11/2003	01/11/2011	Common Stock	1,428	\$ 0	D     Â
Stock options w/tandem SARs	01/10/2004	01/10/2012	Common Stock	2,091	\$ 0	D     Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Prue Nancy J F ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY 7 SAINT PAUL STREET BALTIMORE, MD 21202	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Nancy J. F. Prue                      03/25/2010  
 \_\_Signature of                              Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Of these shares, 1,692 shares are held directly. 3,454 shares were granted as restricted stock of which, depending on meeting performance benchmarks, 910 shares vest in 2011, 1,095 shares vest in 2012, and 1,449 shares vest in 2013.  
 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 March 24, 2010, the most recent date such information is available.
- (2) The number of shares reported as held by Petroleum & Resource Corporation 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 March 24, 2010, the most recent date such information is available.

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