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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Escherich Frederic A

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/09/2006

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

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY, Â 7 SAINT PAUL STREET

(Street)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer _Other

(give title below) (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

BALTIMORE. MDÂ 21202

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

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

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**

4 Conversion or Exercise

Ownership Form of Derivative

5.

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

(Instr. 4) Title

Amount or Number of Price of Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D)

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Shares or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Restricted Stock Units 02/09/2007 02/09/2007 Common Stock 0 (1) D \hat{A}

Reporting Owners

BALTIMORE, MDÂ 21202

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Escherich Frederic A

THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY
7 SAINT PAUL STREET

Relationships

10% Owner Officer Other

Signatures

Frederic A.
Escherich

**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.

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