

Hook Brian Stephen  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 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 * Hook Brian Stephen (Last) (First) (Middle)  7 ST. PAUL STREET, SUITE 1140 (Street)  BALTIMORE, MD 21202 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 06/11/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Treasurer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than 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	3,267 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock	108 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hook Brian Stephen 7 ST. PAUL STREET SUITE 1140 BALTIMORE, MD 21202	^	^	^ Treasurer	^

## Signatures

Brian S. Hook                      06/19/2009  
 \_\_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) Shares were granted as restricted stock of which, depending on meeting performance benchmarks, 1,440 shares vest in 2011 and 1,827 shares vest in 2012.  
 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 May 31, 2009, the most recent date such information is available.
- (2) This number reflects periodic contributions made during 2009, shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment, and changes in the number of shares due to fluctuations in the market price and interests in the Trust. Shares were acquired by the Trustee at various times during 2009. The Issuer's stock traded in range of \$6.88-\$8.61 during the relevant period.

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