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**FORM 5**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**OBER DOUGLAS G**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140**  
  
 (Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]**  
  
 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2004**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman & CEO**

**BALTIMORE, MD 21202**  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
  
 (check applicable line)

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**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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) or (D)	Price	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	Â	J	6,535	A	\$ <sup>(1)</sup>	53,915	I	By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/31/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	Â	J	8	A	\$ <sup>(2)</sup>	116	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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 6)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OBER DOUGLAS G 7 ST PAUL STREET STE 1140 BALTIMORE, MD 21202	X		Chairman & CEO	

## Signatures

Douglas G. Ober                      02/04/2005  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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 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 acquisitions as a result of dividend reinvestment.

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