

ADAMS EXPRESS CO  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|  |  |                                      |  |                                    |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *        |  | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                     |                                    |
| Â Escherich Frederic A                           |  | (Month/Day/Year)                     | ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]   |                                    |
| (Last)   | (First)  | (Middle)                             | 02/09/2006   |                                    |
| 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  |  |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |                                    |
| (Street)   |  |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
|  |  |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other     |
|  |  |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)                                     |                                    |
| BALTIMORE,Â MDÂ 21202                            | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |                                      |  |                                    |
| (City)   | (State)  | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |                                    |
|  |  |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |                                    |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|                                    |  |   |  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|

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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|   | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date  | Title  | Amount or Number of                                  |  |

|                        |            |            |                 | Shares |                     | or Indirect<br>(1)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | 02/09/2007 | 02/09/2007 | Common<br>Stock | 750    | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup> | D                                | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Escherich Frederic A<br>THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY<br>7 SAINT PAUL STREET<br>BALTIMORE, MD 21202 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

Frederic A.  
Escherich

02/16/2006

    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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