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## FORM 3

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# INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX] Prue Nancy J F (Month/Day/Year) 03/23/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) ADAMS EXPRESS (Check all applicable) COMPANY, Â 7 SAINT PAUL STREET 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer (Street) Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) **Executive Vice President** \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person BALTIMORE. MDÂ 21202 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock  $5,146 \frac{(1)}{2}$ D Common Stock 6.295 Ι By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust (2) By Petroleum & Resources Common Stock 8,092 Ι Corporation Thrift Plan Trust (3) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		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)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
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					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Prue Nancy J F ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY 7 SAINT PAUL STREET BALTIMORE, MD 21202	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â		

### **Signatures**

Nancy J. F. Prue 03/25/2010

\*\*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).
- 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.
- The number of shares reported as held by Petroleum & Resource Corporation Thrift Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportionate (3) 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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