

ADAMS EXPRESS CO  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**GALE ROGER W**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

**7 ST. PAUL STREET, SUITE 1140**  
  
(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2006**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**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)		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/04/2006	Â	A4	255	A \$ 12.74	255	D	Â
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	04/06/2006	Â	A4	243.08	A \$ 13.37	2,498	D	Â
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	07/03/2006	Â	A4	250.77	A \$ 12.96	3,998	D	Â
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/02/2006	Â	A4	240.83	A \$ 13.5	4,239	D	Â

Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup> 12/08/2006 Â M4 799 A \$ <sup>(2)</sup> 5,855 <sup>(3)</sup> 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. P... Der... Sec... (In...	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						(A)	(D)		
Restricted Stock Units	Â	12/08/2006	Â	M4	Â 750	Â <sup>(4)</sup>	Â <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	750

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALE ROGER W 7 ST. PAUL STREET SUITE 1140 BALTIMORE, MD 21202	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

Roger W. Gale 01/24/2007  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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).
- (1) Represents deferred stock units received in lieu of director retainer fees at the election of the reporting person. Each deferred stock unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock received upon vesting of 750 restricted stock units granted on December 8, 2005 and 49 additional shares received as dividend equivalent rights accrued on such units.

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- Includes shares of common stock that will be issued upon settlement of restricted stock units (including 750 restricted stock units granted
- (3) on March 28, 2006) and deferred stock units. Also includes 60.01 additional shares received as dividend equivalent rights accrued on deferred stock units and 7 shares acquired through the registrant's dividend reinvestment plan.
  - (4) N/A. The restricted stock units vested on December 8, 2006.

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