

Prue Nancy J F
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Prue Nancy J F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PETROLEUM & RESOURCES CORPORATION, 7 SAINT PAUL STREET

(Street)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2010 | | J | V 322 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ 6,617 | | I | By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2010 | | J | V 366 ⁽²⁾ A \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ 8,458 | | I | By PEO Thrift Plan Trust ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2010 | | J | V 84 ⁽³⁾ A \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ 5,222 | | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2011 | | A | ⁽⁴⁾ 3,391 A \$ 0 8,613 | | D | |

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|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|-------|---|
| Common Stock | 01/14/2011 | D | 169 | D | \$ 0 | 8,444 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/14/2011 | F | 281 | D | \$ 10.81 | 8,163 | D |

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Prue Nancy J F PETROLEUM & RESOURCES CORPORATION 7 SAINT PAUL STREET BALTIMORE, MD 21202 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

Nancy J. F. Prue 01/14/2011
 **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).
- (1) 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 December 31, 2010. This number reflects periodic contributions

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made during 2010, shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment, and changes in the number of shares previously reported due to fluctuations in the market price and interests in the Trust. Shares were acquired by the Trustee at various times during 2010. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$8.00-11.11 during 2010.

The number of shares reported as held by Petroleum & Resources 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 December 31, 2010 is available. This number reflects

- (2) periodic contributions made during 2010, shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment, and changes in the number of shares previously reported due to fluctuations in the market price and interests in the Trust. Shares were acquired by the Trustee at various times during 2010. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$8.00-11.11 during 2010.
- (3) These shares were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$8.00-11.11 during 2010.
- (4) N/A. Restricted Stock Grant. Shares will vest in 2014.

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