#### OBER DOUGLAS G

Form 4

January 17, 2012

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **OBER DOUGLAS G** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director

10% Owner

7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2011

X\_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

Chairman & CEO

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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#### BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City)

| (enj)           | (State)             | Table              | e I - Non-De | erivative S         | Securi | ities Acq   | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned     |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of      | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed         | 3.           | 4. Securi           | ties A | cquired     | 5. Amount of       | 6. Ownership      | 7. Nature of |
| Security        | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio   | on(A) or D          | ispose | d of        | Securities         | Form: Direct      | Indirect     |
| (Instr. 3)      |                     | any                | Code         | ode (D)             |        |             | Beneficially       | (D) or            | Beneficial   |
|                 |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)   | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        |             | Owned              | Indirect (I)      | Ownership    |
|                 |                     |                    |              |                     |        |             | Following          | (Instr. 4)        | (Instr. 4)   |
|                 |                     |                    |              |                     | (A)    |             | Reported           |                   |              |
|                 |                     |                    |              |                     | or     |             | Transaction(s)     |                   |              |
|                 |                     |                    | Code V       | Amount              |        | Price       | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |                   |              |
| Common<br>Stock | 01/12/2012          |                    | D            | 4,187               | D      | \$<br>9.97  | 39,177             | D                 |              |
| Common<br>Stock | 01/12/2012          |                    | F            | 1,917               | D      | \$<br>9.97  | 37,260             | D                 |              |
| Common<br>Stock | 01/12/2012          |                    | A            | 9,291               | A      | \$ 0<br>(1) | 46,551             | D                 |              |

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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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.          | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | e and        | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|----------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber   | Expiration D  | ate         | Amou     | nt of        | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code        | of         | (Month/Day/   | Year)       | Under    | lying        | Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)  | Derivative | e             |             | Securi   | ities        | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |             | Securities | 3             |             | (Instr.  | 3 and 4)     |             | Owne   |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |             | Acquired   |               |             |          |              |             | Follo  |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | (A) or     |               |             |          |              |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | Disposed   |               |             |          |              |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | of (D)     |               |             |          |              |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | (Instr. 3, |               |             |          |              |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | 4, and 5)  |               |             |          |              |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            |               |             |          | Amount       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            |               |             |          |              |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            | Date          | Expiration  |          | or<br>Number |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            | Exercisable   | Date        |          | of           |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V      | (A) (D)    |               |             |          | Shares       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code v      | (A) (D)    |               |             |          | Shares       |             |        |

## **Reporting Owners**

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

## **Signatures**

Douglas G. Ober

01/17/2012

\*\*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) N/A. Restricted Stock Grant. Shares will vest in 2015.

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