

ADAMS EXPRESS CO  
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**FORM 4**

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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TRUTA JOSEPH M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7 ST PAUL STREET, STE 1140

(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)  
01/02/2008

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)  
President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(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 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	01/02/2008		M		5,700	A	\$ 9.29
Common Stock	01/02/2008		M		5,700	D	\$ 14.12
Common Stock	06/28/2007		L	V	10	A	\$ 14.89
Common Stock	08/27/2007		L	V	16	A	\$ 14.33
Common Stock	12/31/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>		J	V	329	A	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>

Common Stock	12/31/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	J	V	18,572	A	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	234,157	I	Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust
Common Stock	12/31/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	J	V	1,397	A	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	20,227	I	Held by PEO Thrift Plan Trust <sup>(3)</sup>

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options w/tandem SARs	\$ 9.29	01/02/2008		M	5,700	01/01/2007 01/14/2009	Common Stock	5,700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TRUTA JOSEPH M 7 ST PAUL STREET STE 1140 BALTIMORE, MD 21202			President	

## Signatures

Joseph M. Truta

01/03/2008

\*\*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) Shares were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment.

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, 2007, the most recent date as of which such

(2) information is available. This number reflects periodic contributions made during 2007, shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment, and changes in the number of shares previously reported to fluctuations in the market price and interests in the Trust. Shares were acquired by the Trustee at various times during 2007. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$15.42 - \$13.00 during 2007.

The number of shares reported as held by Petroleum & Resources Corporation (PEO) 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 12/31/2007, the most recent

(3) date as of which such information is available. This number reflects periodic contributions made during 2007, shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment, and changes in the number of shares previously reported to fluctuations in the market price and interests in the Trust. Shares were acquired by the Trustee at various times during 2007. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$15.42-\$13.00 during 2007.

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