

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940  
Release No. 30344 / January 8, 2013

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In the Matter of :  
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 THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY :  
 PETROLEUM & RESOURCES CORPORATION :  
 Seven Saint Paul St., Suite 1140 :  
 Baltimore, MD 21202 :  
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 (812-14064) :  
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ORDER UNDER SECTION 6(c) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940  
GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM SECTION 19(b) OF THE ACT AND RULE  
19b-1 UNDER THE ACT

The Adams Express Company and Petroleum & Resources Corporation filed an application on July 27, 2012, and an amendment to the application on November 20, 2012, requesting an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) granting an exemption from section 19(b) of the Act and rule 19b-1 under the Act. The order permits certain registered closed-end management investment companies to make periodic distributions of long-term capital gains with respect to their outstanding common shares as frequently as monthly in any one taxable year, and as frequently as distributions are specified by or in accordance with the terms of any outstanding preferred shares that such investment companies may issue.

On December 13, 2012, a notice of filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 30304). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order disposing of the application would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, under section 6(c) of the Act, that the exemption from section 19(b) of the Act and rule 19b-1 under the Act requested by The Adams Express Company and Petroleum & Resources Corporation (File No. 812-14064) is granted, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application, as amended.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Kevin M. O'Neill  
Deputy Secretary