ADAMS DIVERSIFIED EQUITY FUND, INC.

Form 5

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See Instruction 1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported Reported												
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Prue Nancy J F			Symbol ADAMS DIVERSIFIED EQUITY				I	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
			FUND, INC. [ADX]					(Check an approach)				
(Last)	, ,	(Middle)	(Internal Bully I can)				Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) below) E.V.P. & DirShareholder Comm					
500 EAST STREET,	PRATT SUITE 1300							2 & 2.1	. Shareholder	Comm		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original 6 Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)					
BALTIMO	ORE, MD 212	02										
2.22.		_					K_Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Forson					
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Owned at end	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	Beneficial Ownership		
					Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/31/2016	Â		J	296.729 (1)	A	\$0	6,399.529	D	Â		
Common Stock	12/31/2016	Â		J	1,406.36 (2)	A	\$0	19,048.0411 ₍₃₎	I	By Issu & Adam Natura Resour	ms 1	
										Fund's Thrift I	Plan	

Trust

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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)

Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction	5. Number	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		Amou		8. Price of Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			Securi (Instr.	ities 3 and 4)	(Instr. 5)	
					(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of		
					(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

BALTIMORE, MDÂ 21202

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Prue Nancy J F

500 EAST PRATT STREET
SUITE 1300

 Â Ê.V.P. & Dir.-Shareholder Comm Â

Signatures

Gail L. Valenti as Attorney-in-Fact for Nancy J. F.
Prue
02/03/2017

**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) These shares were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$10.96 \$13.35 during 2016.
- Of these shares, 446.1860 are held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust and 960.1782 are held by Adams Natural Resources Fund, Inc.'s Thrift Plan Trust and represent the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in the shares that were acquired by the Trust in 2016 in exempt transactions as a result of periodic contributions made during 2016 and shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment in 2016. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$10.96 \$13.35 during 2016.
 - The number of shares reported as held by the Issuer's and by Adams Natural Resources Fund, Inc.'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 12/31/2016.
- (3) This number includes the shares acquired in exempt transactions through periodic contributions made during 2016, 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 during 2016. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$10.96 \$13.35 during 2016.

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