

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
 CARLSON WALTER CD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/ [TDS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/27/2009

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

CHICAGO, IL 60602

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | Code                                                              | V                                                                                             | Amount                                                   | Price                             |
| Special Common Shares           | 02/27/2009                           |                                                    | A                              | 1,636                                                             | A                                                                                             | 10,420.19                                                | D                                 |
| Special Common Shares           |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | 1,896,585.19<br>(3)                                      | I By Voting Trust                 |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | 5,911.44                                                 | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Series A Common shares                     | (2)                                                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | (2) (2)                                                  | Common Shares or Special Common Shares                        | 891.36                        |
| Series A Common shares                     | (2)                                                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | (2) (2)                                                  | Common Shares or Special Common Shares                        | 1,910,978.33<br>(4)           |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                        | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                       | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARLSON WALTER CD<br>30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000<br>CHICAGO, IL 60602 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty 03/02/2009

\*\*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 acquired pursuant to a compensation plan for non-employee directors.

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- (2) Series A Common shares are convertible, on a share-for-share basis, into common or special common shares.

Reporting person is one of four trustees which is record owner of these shares and while files its holdings on forms 4. Of these shares, 108,725.38 (7470.38 including shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held as custodian for children, 7770 are held by wife and 685,143.16 (including 15,146.16 acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held by family partnership of which reporting person is a general partner. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by wife and the shares held as custodian for children. The remaining shares include 500,000 owned by two GRAT's, 73,771.32 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan and 521,175.33 in the individuals reporting person's name..

- (3) Reporting person is one of four trustees which is record owner of these shares and while files its holdings on forms 4. Of these shares, 108,583.55 (including 7,328.55 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held as custodian for children, 7770 are held by wife and 686,533.82 (including 16,536.82 acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held by family partnership of which reporting person is a general partner. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by wife and the shares held as custodian for children. The remaining shares include 500,000 owned by two GRAT's, 86,915.624 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan and 521,175.33 in the individual reporting person's name.

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