

CARLSON LEROY T JR
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FORM 4

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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 LEROY T JR

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)
01/03/2012

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

CHICAGO, IL 60602

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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(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) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Special Common Shares | 01/03/2012 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V 4,268 D \$ 0 | 72,099.93 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Special Common Shares | 01/11/2012 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V 66,713 D \$ 0 | 5,386.93 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Special Common Shares | 01/11/2012 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V 66,713 A \$ 0 | 73,157.25 | I | By Wife |
| Common Shares | 01/11/2012 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V 4,642 D \$ 0 | 153.45 | D | |

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|-----------------------|------------|------------------|---|--------|---|------|-----------|---|---------|
| Common Shares | 01/11/2012 | G ⁽¹⁾ | V | 4,642 | A | \$ 0 | 5,800.01 | I | By Wife |
| Special Common Shares | 01/11/2012 | G ⁽⁴⁾ | V | 6,052 | D | \$ 0 | 67,105.25 | I | By Wife |
| Common Shares | 01/11/2012 | G ⁽⁴⁾ | V | 1,042 | D | \$ 0 | 4,758.01 | I | By Wife |
| Special Common Shares | 01/18/2012 | G ⁽⁴⁾ | V | 66,713 | D | \$ 0 | 392.25 | I | By Wife |
| Common Shares | 01/18/2012 | G ⁽⁴⁾ | V | 4,642 | D | \$ 0 | 116.01 | I | By Wife |

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) | 01/11/2012 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V 5,500 | (2) (2) | Common or Special Common shares | 5,500 |
| Series A Common Shares | (2) | 01/11/2012 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | V 5,500 | (2) (2) | Common or Special Common Shares | 5,500 |
| Series A Common Shares | (2) | 01/11/2012 | | G ⁽⁴⁾ | V 5,010 | (2) (2) | Common and Special Common Shares | 5,010 |
| | (2) | 01/18/2012 | | G ⁽⁴⁾ | V 5,500 | (2) (2) | | 5,500 |

Series A
Common
Shares

Common
or Special
Common
Shares

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARLSON LEROY T JR 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000 CHICAGO, IL 60602 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power
of atty 01/19/2012

__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) By gift
- (2) Series A Common Shares are convertible, on a share-for-share basis, into common or special common shares.
- (3) Includes 3768 shares owned by children. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares owned by children.
- (4) Shares gifted to a trust, the trustee of which is a third party and the beneficiaries of which include descendants of the reporting person and his spouse.

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