

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/
Form 8-K
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FORM 8-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 19, 2005

TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-14157
(Commission
File Number)

36-2669023
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 4000, Chicago, Illinois
(Address of principal executive offices)

60602
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 630-1900

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.02. Termination of Material Definitive Agreement.

This information in this Item 1.02 is being filed within four business days of December 23, 2005 to report the termination on such date of the Intercompany Revolving Credit Agreement dated November 9, 2005, ("Intercompany Revolving Credit Agreement"), between Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ("TDS"), as Lender, and United States Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular"), as Borrower. The following describes the background of this agreement and the facts that resulted in its termination.

As previously disclosed, on November 9, 2005, TDS and U.S. Cellular and their respective audit committees concluded that they would amend their Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 to restate their financial statements and financial information for each of the three years ended December 31, 2004, including quarterly information for 2004 and 2003, and certain selected financial data for the years 2001 and 2000. TDS and U.S. Cellular and their respective audit committees also concluded that they would amend their Quarterly Reports on

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Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2005 and June 30, 2005 to restate the financial statements and financial information included therein. As a result, TDS and U.S. Cellular were unable to file their Forms 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 by the extended due date of November 14, 2005.

Also as previously disclosed, the restatements and the late filing of the Forms 10-Q resulted in technical defaults under the Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement dated December 9, 2004 between TDS and certain lenders (the "TDS Revolving Credit Agreement"), and the Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement dated December 9, 2004 between U.S. Cellular and certain lenders (the "U.S. Cellular Revolving Credit Agreement"). As a result, TDS and U.S. Cellular became unable to make borrowings under the TDS Revolving Credit Agreement and the U.S. Cellular Revolving Credit Agreement (collectively, the "Bank Revolving Credit Agreements") until they received waivers of such defaults.

Due to the unavailability of the Bank Revolving Credit Agreements, on November 9, 2005, TDS and U.S. Cellular entered into the Intercompany Revolving Credit Agreement in order to permit U.S. Cellular to borrow funds from TDS for U.S. Cellular's financing requirements until such waivers were received from the lenders under the Bank Revolving Credit Agreements.

On December 23, 2005, TDS and U.S. Cellular obtained waivers from the lenders under such Bank Revolving Credit Agreements. As a result of the receipt of such waivers, TDS and U.S. Cellular became able to make borrowings under such Bank Revolving Credit Agreements.

On December 23, 2005, U.S. Cellular borrowed \$145 million under U.S. Cellular Revolving Credit Agreement. The terms of the U.S. Cellular Revolving Credit Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference from U.S. Cellular's Form 8-K dated December 9, 2004, including Exhibit 4.1 to such Form 8-K which includes a copy of such U.S. Cellular Revolving Credit Agreement.

U.S. Cellular used \$40 million of such borrowings for general corporate purposes and used \$105 million of such borrowings to repay the principal amount due to TDS under the Intercompany Revolving Credit Agreement. Pursuant to its terms, such Intercompany Revolving Credit Agreement was terminated as a result of the receipt of the aforementioned waivers and the repayment by U.S. Cellular of the outstanding borrowings on December 23, 2005. Accordingly, the Intercompany Revolving Credit Agreement is no longer in effect. The terms of the Intercompany Revolving Credit Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference from U.S. Cellular's Form 8-K dated November 9, 2005, including Exhibit 4.1 to such Form 8-K which includes a copy of such Intercompany Revolving Credit Agreement.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The disclosures set forth above under Item 1.02 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03 to report events on December 23, 2005 within four business days thereof.

Item 8.01. Other Matters

a. Waivers under Forward Contracts

The restatements discussed under Item 1.02 also resulted in technical defaults under certain forward contracts between a subsidiary of TDS and a counterparty and between a subsidiary of U.S. Cellular and a

counterparty. This information in this Item 8.01(a) is being filed to voluntarily report that, on December 28, 2005, TDS and U.S. Cellular obtained waivers from the counterparty under such forward contracts.

b. Exchange between ALLTEL and U.S. Cellular

This information in this Item 8.01(b) is being filed to voluntarily report that, on December 19, 2005, U.S. Cellular completed an exchange with Alltel Corporation. A copy of the press release announcing such exchange dated December 20, 2005 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Under the agreement, U.S. Cellular acquired fifteen Rural Service Area ("RSA") markets in Kansas and Nebraska in exchange for two RSA markets in Idaho and \$50 million in cash, subject to working capital adjustments. U.S. Cellular will record the transaction in the fourth quarter of 2005 and, subject to the results of the valuation analysis which is currently underway, expects to report a pre-tax gain that will increase operating income by approximately \$42 - \$47 million. The gain represents the excess of the estimated fair value of the assets and liabilities received over the amount of cash and net book value of the assets and liabilities delivered in the exchange.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

In accordance with the provisions of Item 601 of Regulation S-K, any Exhibits filed herewith are set forth on the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. (Registrant)

Date: December 29, 2005

By: /s/ D. Michael Jack

D. Michael Jack
Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are filed herewith as noted below.

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description of Exhibit</u> |
|-----------------------|---|
| 99.1 | Press Release dated December 20, 2005. |
| 99.2 | Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 Safe Harbor Cautionary Statement |