

CARLSON LEROY T JR  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**12/11/2006**

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

**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	
Special Common Shares	12/11/2006		G	V	5,010	D	Ⓟ 9,051.0024 D
Special Common Shares	12/11/2006		G	V	5,010	A	Ⓟ 6,433.6 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 49.8	12/13/2006		A	213,333	12/15/2006 12/13/2016	Special Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/13/2006		A	20,424	12/15/2008 (2)	Special Common Shares
Deferred Compensation	\$ 49.8	12/13/2006		A	2,761.04	(4) (4)	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 12/15/2006

\_\_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) Gift
- (2) Restricted stock unit award pursuant to the 2004 Long-term Incentive Plan. Stock units will become vested on December 15, 2008.
- (3) Granted under the 2004 long term incentive plan.

- (4) Reporting person deferred 2005 bonus pursuant to the 1998 long term incentive plan receiving 2,208.835 in bonus units and 552.208 in company match units.. Previously, the reporting person has deferred 1998, 2000, and 2002 bonuses. Employer matches vest ratably each year at 33%, 33% and 34%. The previously deferred bonuses and employer match totalled 12,159. Some employer matches are fully vested while recent match will not be fully matched until 12/31/08.

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