

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/  
 Form 4  
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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 Prudence E

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)

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

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

30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60602

(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 (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10.7082 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Special Common Shares           | 02/27/2009                           |  | A                              | 1,636 A <u>1</u>  | 55,899.945 <sup>(3)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Special Common Shares           |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,716,855.18 <sup>(4)</sup>   | I  | By Voting Trust                   |

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                     | (7)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (7) (7)  | Common or Special Common shares                               | 179,261.7679 (5)              |
| Series A Common                            | (7)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (7) (7)  | Common or Special Common shares                               | 1,718,203.44 (6)              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Carlson Prudence E<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.
- (2) Includes .708291 common shares earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) Includes 598.94509 special common shares earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.

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Reporting person is one of four trustees of a voting trust which is record owner of these special common shares and which files its holdings on a Form 4. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed with respect to 32,153.13 special common shares held for the benefit of spouse and children. Includes 9563.34 in reporting person's name and 989,664 in reporting person's Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (GRAT) both held for the benefit of the reporting person and 685,474.71 held by family partnerships of which reporting person is a general partner.

- (5) Includes 606.767986 Series A common shares earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.

Reporting person is one of four trustees of a voting trust which is record owner of these Series A Common shares and which files its holdings on a Form 4. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed with respect to 27,026.89 Series A common shares held for the benefit of spouse and children. Includes 1,691,176.55 shares which are held by family partnerships of which reporting person is a general partner.

- (7) Series A Common shares are convertible on a share for share basis into common.

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