

FIRST DATA CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GOLD CHRISTINA A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 6200 SOUTH QUEBEC STREET
 (Street)

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST DATA CORP [FDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.33	02/22/2006	A		62,500		02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	62,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.33	02/22/2006	A		62,500		02/22/2008	02/22/2016	Common Stock	62,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.33	02/22/2006	A		62,500		02/22/2009	02/22/2016	Common Stock	62,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.33	02/22/2006	A		62,500		02/22/2010	02/22/2016	Common Stock	62,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLD CHRISTINA A 6200 SOUTH QUEBEC STREET GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111			Sr. EVP	

Signatures

By: Stanley J. Andersen,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/24/2006

**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).

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