

Carlson Prudence E  
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# FORM 5

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**ANNUAL 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

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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2008

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

30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CHICAGO, IL 60602

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10.7082 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Special Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	54,263.945 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Special Common Shares	12/11/2008	Â	J <sup>(6)</sup>	2,510	D	\$ <sup>(6)</sup>	1,716,855.18 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Voting Trust
	12/11/2008	Â	J <sup>(6)</sup>	2,510	A	\$ <sup>(6)</sup>		I	

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Special Common Shares							1,716,855.18 (3)		By Voting Trust
Special Common Shares	^	^	^	^	^	^	1,716,855.18 (3)	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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Series A Common Shares	^	^	^	^	^ ^	^ (7) ^ (7)	Common or Special Common Shares 179,261.7679
Series A Common	^	^	^	^	^ ^	^ (7) ^ (7)	Common or Special Common Shares 1,718,203.44

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carlson Prudence E 30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000 CHICAGO, IL 60602	^ X	^	^	^

## Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty  
01/20/2009  
\*\*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) Includes .708291 common shares earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.

(2) Includes 598.94509 special common shares earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.

Beneficial ownership is disclaimed with respect to 32,153.13 special common shares held for the benefit of spouse and children. Includes

(3) 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.

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

Beneficial ownership is disclaimed with respect to 27,026.89 Series A common shares held for the benefit of spouse and children.

(5) Includes 1,691,176.55 shares which are held by family partnerships of which reporting person is a general partner.

On Dec. 11, 2008, the reporting person transferred voting trust certificates representing 2,510 special common shares from reporting

(6) person's GRAT to reporting person individually. The reporting person previously reported all securities held in her name and through a GRAT. Accordingly, the transfer of voting trust certificates did not result in any change in the number of securities reported as beneficially owned by the reporting person.

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

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