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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

CARLSON LEROY T JR

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

				TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/ [TDS]				TEMS	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2008					_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title below) below) President and CEO			
					Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
	CHICAGO,	IL 60602							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deen (Month/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/D			3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price				Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	Common Shares	01/02/2008			M <u>(1)</u>	3,600	A	<u>(2)</u>	8,294.2	D		
	Special Common Shares	01/02/2008			M <u>(1)</u>	3,600	A	(2)	26,930	D		
	Common Shares	01/02/2008			S	400	D	\$ 62.46	7,894.2	D		
	Common Shares	01/02/2008			S	400	D	\$ 62.5	7,494.2	D		
	Common Shares	01/02/2008			S	100	D	\$ 62.51	7,394.2	D		

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Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	500	D	\$ 62.52	6,894.2	D
Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	100	D	\$ 62.54	6,794.2	D
Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	300	D	\$ 62.58	6,494.2	D
Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	400	D	\$ 62.6	6,094.2	D
Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	300	D	\$ 62.71	5,794.2	D
Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	400	D	\$ 62.23	5,394.2	D
Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	300	D	\$ 62.32	5,094.2	D
Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	100	D	\$ 62.36	4,994.2	D
Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	300	D	\$ 62.7	4,694.2	D
Special Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	200	D	\$ 57.4	26,730	D
Special Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	700	D	\$ 57.42	26,030	D
Special Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	200	D	\$ 57.45	25,830	D
Special Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	400	D	\$ 57.46	25,430	D
Special Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	300	D	\$ 57.47	25,130	D
Special Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	145	D	\$ 57.5	24,985	D
Special Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	555	D	\$ 57.53	24,430	D
Special Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	400	D	\$ 57.16	24,030	D

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Special Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	400	D	\$ 57.34	23,360	D
Special Common Shares	01/02/2008	S	300	D	\$ 57.76	23,330	D
Special Common Shares	01/03/2008	G	1,688	D	<u>(6)</u>	21,642	D

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	urities uired or posed of tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 39.75	01/02/2008		M		3,600	12/15/1998	06/22/2008	Tandem Common and Special Common Shares	3,600
Series A Common Shares	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common or Special Common shares	1,816,77
Series A Common Shares	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common or Special Common Shares	12,633.2
Series A Common Shares	(5)						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common or Special Common Shares	5,274.9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARLSON LEROY T JR

30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000 X President and CEO

CHICAGO, IL 60602

Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty

01/04/2008

**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) Exercise of stock options and subsequent sale of shares pursuant to a previously disclosed 10b5-1 Rule plan.
- As a result of the special common dividend on 5/13/05, all options to purchase common shares were adjusted into tandem options. The tandem option provides that upon exercise, the optionee purchases the number of common shares originally subject to the option plus an equal number of of special common shares.
- (3) Granted under the Long Term Incentive Plan.
 - Reporting person is one of four trustees which is record owner of these Series A Common shares which files its holdings on forms 4. Of these shares, 83760.5 (including 16294.5 acquired in dividend reinvestment) are held as custodian for children and 9074.3 (including 1117.3 acquired in dividend reinvestment) are held by spouse, and 686294.6 (including 16297.6 acquired in dividend reinvestment)
- (4) shares are held by a family partnership of which reporting person is a general partner. Of the remaining shares, 2683.7 were earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of shares owned by wife and as custodian for children. In addition, 862,693 Series A Common Shares owned by family limited partnership of which reporting person and his spouse each hold 500 general partnership interests and collectively hold 99,000 limited partnership interests.
- (5) Sereis A Shares are convertible on a share for share basis into common or special common shares.
- (6) Gift

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