

CARLSON LEROY T  
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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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC., 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/24/2012

(Street)  
CHICAGO, IL 60602

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

(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)	(A) or (D)	Price	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	01/24/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>	5,441.79	D	0		I	By 401K
Special Common Shares	01/24/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>	2,655.56	D	0		I	By 401K
Common Shares	01/24/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>	8,707.81	A	8,707.81		I	By 401K
Common Shares	01/24/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>	58,915.55	D	0		D	

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Common Shares	01/24/2012	J <sup>(1)</sup>	64,041.2029	A	<u>(1)</u>	64,041.2029	D	
Special Common Shares	01/24/2012	J <sup>(1)</sup>	220,073.51 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	<u>(1)</u>	0	D	
Common Shares	01/24/2012	J <sup>(1)</sup>	220,073.51	A	<u>(1)</u>	220,073.51 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By Voting Trust
Special Common Shares	01/24/2012	J <sup>(1)</sup>	12,961.06	D	<u>(1)</u>	0	D	
Common Shares	01/24/2012	J <sup>(1)</sup>	12,961.06	A	<u>(1)</u>	77,002.2629	D	
Special Common Shares	01/24/2012	J <sup>(1)</sup>	9,663.75	D	<u>(1)</u>	0	I	By Wife
Common Shares	01/24/2012	J <sup>(1)</sup>	9,663.75	A	<u>(1)</u>	9,663.75	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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date
Series A Common Shares	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>		56,449.2	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Series A Common Shares	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>		61,360.2804	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Series A Common Shares	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>		224,950.82	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>

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Series A Common Shares	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	244,521.983		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Deferred Compensation	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>		32,126.61	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>
Deferred Compensation	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	34,921.6251		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>
Deferred Compensation	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>		76,939.588	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>
Deferred Compensation	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	76,939.588		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 59	01/24/2012	J <u>(8)</u>		22,170	12/15/2002	07/05/2012
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.27	01/24/2012	J <u>(8)</u>	46,268.79		12/15/2002	07/05/2012
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 52.92	01/24/2012	J <u>(8)</u>		23,605	12/15/2003	07/03/2013
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.36	01/24/2012	J <u>(8)</u>	49,263.635		12/15/2003	07/03/2013
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 66	01/24/2012	J <u>(8)</u>		22,475	12/15/2004	05/08/2014
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 31.62	01/24/2012	J <u>(8)</u>	46,905.325		12/15/2004	05/08/2014
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 77.36	01/24/2012	J <u>(8)</u>		26,531	12/15/2005	04/20/2015
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.07	01/24/2012	J <u>(8)</u>	55,370.197		12/15/2005	04/20/2015
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38	01/24/2012	J <u>(8)</u>		61,127	12/15/2006	06/19/2016

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Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>	61,127		12/15/2006	06/19/2016
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 59.45	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>		36,116	12/15/2007	07/02/2017
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 59.45	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>	36,116		12/15/2007	07/02/2017
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.35	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>		41,500	<sup>(3)</sup>	08/26/2018
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.35	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>	41,500		<sup>(3)</sup>	08/26/2018
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.95	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>		42,200	<sup>(3)</sup>	05/20/2019
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.95	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>	42,200		<sup>(3)</sup>	05/20/2019
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.66	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>		39,900	<sup>(3)</sup>	05/25/2020
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.66	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>	39,900		<sup>(3)</sup>	05/25/2020
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.94	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>		31,400	<sup>(3)</sup>	05/13/2021
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.94	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>	31,400		<sup>(3)</sup>	05/13/2021
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(9)</sup>	01/24/2012	J <sup>(8)</sup>		7,500	12/15/2012	12/15/2012
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARLSON LEROY T TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC. 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000 CHICAGO, IL 60602	X		Chairman Emeritus	

## Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power  
of atty

01/26/2012

\_\_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) Pursuant to a reclassification exempt under Rule 16b-3 and Rule 16b-7, each Special Common Share was reclassified into one Common Share, each Common Share was reclassified into 1.087 Common Shares, and each Series A Common Share was reclassified into 1.087 Series A Common Shares, and each stock award relating to such shares was appropriately adjusted.
  - (2) Series A Common Shares are convertible, on a share-for-share basis.
  - (3) Granted under the 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan. Options vest over a three year period with one-third vesting on the first annual anniversary, one-third vesting on the second annual anniversary and one-third vesting on third annual anniversary.  
Beneficial ownership of shares held in Voting Trust. Reporting person disclaims ownership of 190,654.95 (including 39,382.95 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) owned by wife. Includes 2764.56 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.
  - (4) Reporting person has deferred bonuses pursuant to the Long term incentive plan. The employer match vests ratably at 33%, 33% and 34% per year over a 3 year period. Special common share units vested at 12/31/11 were 75,225.97.
  - (5) Reporting person has deferred bonuses pursuant to the Long term incentive plan. The employer match vests ratably at 33%, 33% and 34% per year over a 3 year period. Common share units vested at 12/31/11 were 32,126.61  
Beneficial ownership of shares held in Voting Trust. Reporting person disclaims ownership of 208,176.816 (including 43,743.816 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) owned by wife. Includes 7372.167 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.
  - (6) Pursuant to a reclassification exempt under Rule 16b-3 and Rule 16b-7, each Special Common Share was reclassified into one Common Share, each Common Share was reclassified into 1.087 Common Shares, and each Series A Common Share was reclassified into 1.087 Series A Common Shares, and each stock award relating to such shares was appropriately adjusted.
  - (7) Restricted stock units vest on Dec. 15, 2012.
- (8)
- (9)

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