

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/  
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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 LETITIA G C

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)  
 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/27/2009

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

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  
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(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  |   |  |                                   |
| Special Common                  | 02/27/2009                           |  | A                              | 1,636 A   | 6,055.71  | D  |                                   |
| Special Common                  |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,839,312.98 (3)  | I  | By Voting Trust                   |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,139.67  | 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. 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.                                     |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                  | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Series A Common Shares                     | (2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | (2)   | Common Shares or Special Common Shares | 1,842,544.27<br>(4)        |
| Series A Common Shares                     | (2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | (2)   | Common Shares or Special Common Shares | 962.68                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARLSON LETITIA G C<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) Series A Common shares are convertible, on a share-for-share basis, into common or special common shares.
- (3) 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. Of these shares, 5497.15 (74.15 earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are owned by husband, 92,189.7 (11,779.7 earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held by reporting person and husband as custodian for children and

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685,143.16 (15,146.16 earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) were contributed to a family partnership of which reporting person is a general partner. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by husband and the shares held as custodian for children. Includes 8594.64 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.

- (4) 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. Of these shares, 5497.04 (74.04 earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are owned by husband, 98,050.56 (17,640.56 earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held by reporting person and husband as custodian for children and 686,533.82 (16,536.82 earned pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) were contributed to a family partnership of which reporting person is a general partner. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by husband and the shares held as custodian for children. Includes 4574.52 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.

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