#### TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/

Form 4

January 26, 2012

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

| WILLIAMSON SCOTT H                   |   |  | Symbol TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS                             |                    |   |     |  | Issuer   |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------|---|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| INC /DE                              |   |  |   | E/ [TDS]           |   |     |  | (Check all applicable)   |  |  |  |  |
|                                      |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2012 |                    |   |     | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President |  |  |  |  |  |
| CHICAGO                              | ndment, Date Original<br>th/Day/Year)   |  |   |                    | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CHICAGO,                             | IL 00002  |  |   |                    |   |     |  | Person   |  |  |  |  |
| (City)                               | (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |   |                    |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Dee (Month/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/                                    |  |   | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or  |     |  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |  |
| Special<br>Common<br>Shares          | 01/24/2012  |  |   | Code V $J_{(1)}$   | Amount 34,602   | (D) | Price (1)  | 0  | D  |  |  |  |
| Common<br>Shares                     | 01/24/2012  |  |   | <u>J(1)</u>        | 34,602  | A   | <u>(1)</u>   | 34,602   | D  |  |  |  |
| Common<br>Shares                     | 01/24/2012  |  |   | <u>J(1)</u>        | 5,551   | D   | (1)  | 0  | D  |  |  |  |
| Common<br>Shares                     | 01/24/2012  |  |   | <u>J(1)</u>        | 6,033   | A   | <u>(1)</u>   | 40,635   | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | TransactionSecurities Acquired (A) Code or Disposed of (D) |               | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Underlying<br>(Instr. 3 and |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------|--|--------------------|---|
|   | Š   |                                      |   |   |  |               | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                       |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 77.36  | 01/24/2012                           |   | Code V $J_{(1)}^{(1)}$                  | (A)  | (D)<br>24,493 | 12/15/2005   | 04/20/2015         | Common<br>and<br>Special<br>Common          |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 37.07  | 01/24/2012                           |   | J <u>(1)</u>                            | 51,116.891   |               | 12/15/2005   | 04/20/2015         | Shares Common Shares                        |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 38   | 01/24/2012                           |   | <u>J(1)</u>                             |  | 75,122        | 12/15/2006   | 06/19/2016         | Special<br>Common<br>Shares                 |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 38   | 01/24/2012                           |   | <u>J(1)</u>                             | 75,122   |               | 12/15/2006   | 06/19/2016         | Common<br>Shares                            |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 59.45  | 01/24/2012                           |   | <u>J(1)</u>                             |  | 56,998        | 12/15/2007   | 07/02/2017         | Special<br>Common<br>Shares                 |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 59.45  | 01/24/2012                           |   | J <u>(1)</u>                            | 56,998   |               | 12/15/2007   | 07/02/2017         | Common<br>Shares                            |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 35.35  | 01/24/2012                           |   | <u>J(1)</u>                             |  | 68,500        | (2)  | 08/26/2018         | Special<br>Common<br>Shares                 |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 35.35  | 01/24/2012                           |   | <u>J(1)</u>                             | 68,500   |               | (2)  | 08/26/2018         | Common<br>Shares                            |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                         | \$ 26.95  | 01/24/2012                           |   | <u>J(1)</u>                             |  | 90,700        | (2)  | 05/20/2019         | Special<br>Common<br>Shares                 |
|   | \$ 26.95  | 01/24/2012                           |   | J <u>(1)</u>                            | 90,700   |               | (2)  | 05/20/2019         |   |

| Option (Right to             |            |            |             |        |        |            |            | Common<br>Shares            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------|--------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Buy)                         |            |            |             |        |        |            |            |                             |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)  | \$ 26.66   | 01/24/2012 | <u>J(1)</u> |        | 91,200 | (2)        | 05/25/2020 | Special<br>Common<br>Shares |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)  | \$ 26.66   | 01/24/2012 | <u>J(1)</u> | 91,200 |        | (2)        | 05/25/2020 | Common<br>Shares            |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)  | \$ 29.94   | 01/24/2012 | <u>J(1)</u> |        | 80,800 | (2)        | 05/13/2021 | Special<br>Common<br>Shares |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)  | \$ 29.94   | 01/24/2012 | <u>J(1)</u> | 80,800 |        | (2)        | 05/13/2021 | Common<br>Shares            |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units | (3)        | 01/24/2012 | <u>J(1)</u> |        | 11,700 | 12/15/2012 | 12/15/2012 | Special<br>Common<br>Shares |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units | (3)        | 01/24/2012 | <u>J(1)</u> | 11,700 |        | 12/15/2012 | 12/15/2012 | Common<br>Shares            |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units | <u>(4)</u> | 01/24/2012 | <u>J(1)</u> |        | 11,300 | 12/02/2013 | 12/02/2013 | Special<br>Common<br>Shares |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units | <u>(4)</u> | 01/24/2012 | <u>J(1)</u> | 11,300 |        | 12/02/2013 | 12/02/2013 | Common<br>Shares            |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                       |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| <b>Fg</b>   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |  |  |  |
| WILLIAMSON SCOTT H<br>30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000<br>CHICAGO, IL 60602 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty 01/26/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person D

## **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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- Pursuant to a reclassification exempt under Rule 16b-3 and Rule 16b-7, each Special Common Share was reclassified into one Common (1) 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) Granted under the 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan. Options vest over a 3 year period with one-third vesting on the first annual anniversary, one-third on the second annual anniversary and one-third on the third annual anniversary.
- (3) Restricted stock that vests on Dec. 15, 2012
- (4) Restricted stock that vests on Dec. 2, 2013.

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