

CARLSON LEROY T
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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 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)
11/01/2006

(Street)

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

CHICAGO, IL 60602

(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. Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (A) or (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---|--|---|---|---------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Special Common Shares | 11/01/2006 | | G | 15,000 | D | (4) | 37,693.9 | I | By Wife |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2006 | | M(2) | 9,367 | A | (2) | 10,241.7 | D | |
| Special Common Shares | 12/11/2006 | | M(2) | 9,367 | A | (2) | 7,202.8 | D | |
| Special Common Shares | 12/11/2006 | | F(3) | 3,037 | D | \$ | 7,202.8 | D | |

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Common Shares 48.3

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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 47.6 | 12/11/2006 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 9,367 | 02/26/1997 12/15/2006 | Common and Special Common Shares | 9,367 |

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 12/12/2006

**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) Granted under the 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(2) Common shares were granted without consideration under the long-term incentive plan. As a result of the special common dividend, all options to purchase common shares as of May 13 under the long term incentive plan, whether vested or unvested, 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 special common shares. The exercise price for the tandem option is \$47.60.

(3) Delivery of special common shares as settlement for taxes due in connection with the exercise of employee stock options under the Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. long term incentive plan.

(4) Gift

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