

THAUS KURT B
Form 4
December 17, 2009

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
THAUS KURT B

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)
12/15/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Senior VP - CIO

CHICAGO, IL 60602

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)	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)
Special Common Shares	12/15/2009		M	1,918 A \$ 0	3,574	D	
Special Common Shares	12/15/2009		F ⁽¹⁾	564 D \$ 30.03	3,010	D	

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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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/15/2009		M	1,918	12/15/2009	(2)	Special Common Shares	1,918

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THAUS KURT B 30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000 CHICAGO, IL 60602			Senior VP - CIO	

Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power
of atty 12/17/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 withheld to pay taxes on restricted stock units that vested on Dec. 15, 2009
- (2) Restricted stock units awarded pursuant to the long term incentive plan. Stock units became vested on Dec. 15, 2009.

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