

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 CARLSON WALTER CD

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)

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

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

30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000

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

(Street)

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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares	03/31/2005		J <sup>(4)</sup>	V 8.727 A (4)	4,683.527	D	
Special Common Shares	05/13/2005		J <sup>(5)</sup>	V 5,029.778 A (5)	5,029.778	D	
Special Common Shares	05/13/2005		J <sup>(5)</sup>	V 1,887,309.84 A (5)	1,887,309.84 (2)	I	By Voting Trust
Common Shares	08/24/2005		A	43 A (1)	4,683.527	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Series A Common shares	(3)	03/31/2005		J(4)	V 1.944	(3) (3)		Common Shares	872.2
Series A Common shares	(3)	03/31/2005		J(4)	V 3,183.935	(3) (3)		Common Shares	1,887,30

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARLSON WALTER CD 30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000 CHICAGO, IL 60602		X		

## Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty 08/25/2005

\*\*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.  
Reporting person is one of four trustees which is record owner of these shares and while files its holdings on forms 4. Of these shares, 106252.45 (including 4997.45 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held as custodian for children, 7770 are held
  - (2) by wife and 681417.1 (including 11420.10 acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held by family partnership of which reporting person is a general partner. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by wife and the shares held as custodian for children. The remaining shares include 70,694.96 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.
  - (3) Series A Common shares are convertible, on a share-for-share basis, into common.

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- (4) Voluntary reporting of dividend reinvestment acquired on 3/31/05.

On May 13 TDS authorized a special common dividend to holders of common shares in which one special common share was distributed

- (5) for each common share. The stock dividend was distributed to all shareholders making this acquisition exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-9(a).

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