#### ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

February 20, 2014

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Epperson Leigh Ann K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2014

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

SVP, General Counsel & Secy

X\_ Officer (give title below)

7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

700

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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**PLANO, TX 75024** 

(City)

(City)	(211110)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	3.	4. Securi	urities 5. Amount of			6. Ownership	7. Nature of			
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionAcquired (A) or			or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership		
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
					(4)		Reported				
				(A) or		Transaction(s)					
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common	02/10/2014		A (1)	252		245	14060	ъ			
Stock	02/18/2014		A <u>(1)</u>	352	A	<u>(1)</u>	14,960	D			
Common Stock	02/18/2014		A(2)	1,409	A	<u>(2)</u>	16,369 <u>(3)</u>	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	•				(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									A manuat		
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		Or Number		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Nur of	Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Epperson Leigh Ann K 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 **PLANO, TX 75024** 

SVP, General Counsel & Secy

### **Signatures**

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney 02/20/2014 in Fact

\*\*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).
- The new grant is for 352 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 116 units (1) on each of 2/18/15 and 2/18/16 and on 120 units on 2/21/17, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting
- The new grant is for 1,409 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the performance restriction lapses. The restriction may lapse with respect to 33% of such shares on each of 2/18/15 and 2/18/16 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/21/17 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2014 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 6,800 unrestricted shares; (b) 221 unvested units from an award of 650 time-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11; (c) 1,326 unvested units from an award of 3,900 performance-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11; (d) 490 unvested units from an award of 731 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (e) 2,941 unvested units from an award of 4,387 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (f) 566 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (g) 2,264 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (h) the new grant for 352 time-based restricted stock units; and (i) the new grant for 1,409 performance-based restricted stock units.

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