

Miller Melisa A
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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 *
Miller Melisa A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Pres, Card Services

PLANO, TX 75024

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 1,897 A <u>(1)</u> | 43,374 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 3,797 A <u>(2)</u> | 47,171 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 3,797 A <u>(3)</u> | 50,968 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | A ⁽⁴⁾ | 1,053 A <u>(4)</u> | 52,021 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | F ⁽⁵⁾ | 1,244 D \$ 243.99 | 49,584 ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁷⁾ | D | |

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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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Miller Melisa A 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024 | | | EVP & Pres, Card Services | |

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney
in Fact 02/20/2018
**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) The new grant is for 1,897 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 626 units on each of 2/15/19 and 2/18/20 and on 645 units on 2/16/21, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- (2) The new grant is for 3,797 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 2/15/19 and 2/18/20 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/16/21 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2018 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- (3) The new grant is for 3,797 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 100% of such shares on 2/18/20

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contingent on meeting a relative total shareholder return metric for 2018 and 2019 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

(4) Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2017, 150% of the original award of 2,106 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17 were earned, resulting in an additional 1,053 units, for a total of 3,159 units. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 1,579 units on 2/15/19, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates.

(5) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 25,858 unrestricted shares; (b) 451 unvested units from an award of 1,326 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (c) 1,804 unvested units from an award of 5,305 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (d) 1,188 unvested units from an award of 1,774 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (e) 2,116

(6) unvested units from an award of 3,158 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (f) 1,320 unvested units from an award of 1,969 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (g) 1,839 unvested units from an award of 2,745 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (h) 3,938 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (i) 1,579 unvested units from an award of 3,159 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (j) the new grant for 1,897 time-based restricted stock units;

Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2017, 69.7% of the original award of 3,938 performance-based restricted stock units

(7) granted 2/15/17, or 2,745 units, were earned. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 907 units on 2/15/19 and with respect to 932 units on 2/18/20, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates.

Remarks:

(6) Continued from above: (k) the new grant for 3,797 performance-based restricted stock units; and (l) the new grant for 3,797

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