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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CARLSON WALTER CD Issuer Symbol **TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS** (Check all applicable) INC /DE/ [TDS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O TDS 30 N LASALLE 12/31/2004 STREET, STE 4000 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60602 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price (D) Common 12/31/2004 222 A A (1) 3,877 D Shares

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Prio Deriva Secur (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Series A Common Shares	<u>(2)</u>					(2)	(2)	Common Shares	862	
Series A Common Shares	(2)					(2)	(2)	Common Shares	1,875,556	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CARLSON WALTER CD C/O TDS 30 N LASALLE STREET STE 4000 CHICAGO, IL 60602	X						

Signatures

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**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 issued pursuant to a compensation plan for non-employee directors.
- (2) Series A Common shares are convertible on a share for share basis into common.

Reporting person is one of four trustees which is record owner of these shares and while files its holdings on a Forms 4. Of these shares, 105,028.18 (including 3773.18 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held as custodian for children, 7770 are held

(3) by wife and 678,275.79 (including 8278.79 acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held by a family partnership of which reporting person is a general partner. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by wife and shares held as custodian for children. The remaining shares include 63,307.16 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.

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