

CARLSON LEROY T  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CARLSON LEROY T

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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2011

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

TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC., 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CHICAGO, IL 60602

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting 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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	12/31/2011			58,915.55			D		
Common Shares	12/31/2011		J <sup>(3)</sup>	111.56	A	\$ <sup>(3)</sup> 5,441.79	I	By 401k plan	
Special Common Shares	12/31/2011		J <sup>(3)</sup>	266.99	D	\$ <sup>(3)</sup> 2,655.56	I	By 401K plan	

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Special Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	220,073.51 (7)	I	By Voting Trust
Special Common	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12,961.06	D	Â
Special Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	9,663.75	I	By wife

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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Option (Right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 59	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2002	07/05/2012	Tandem Common and Special Common Shares <sup>(5)</sup>
Option (Right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 52.92	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2003	07/03/2013	Tandem Common and Special Common Shares <sup>(5)</sup>
Option (Right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 66	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2004	05/08/2014	Tandem Common and Special Common Shares <sup>(5)</sup>
Option (Right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 77.36	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2005	04/20/2015	Tandem Common and Special Common Shares

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Option (Right to buy)	\$ 38	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2006	06/19/2016	Special Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 59.45	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2007	07/02/2017	Special Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 35.35	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â <u>(8)</u>	08/26/2018	Special Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.95	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â <u>(9)</u>	05/21/2019	Special Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.66	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â <u>(9)</u>	05/25/2020	Special Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 29.94	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â <u>(9)</u>	05/13/2021	Special Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2012	Â <u>(10)</u>	Special Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/02/2013	Â <u>(11)</u>	Special Common Shares
Series A Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â <u>(1)</u>	Â <u>(1)</u>	Common Shares of Special Common Shares
Series A Common shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â <u>(1)</u>	Â <u>(1)</u>	Common Shares of Special Common Shares
Deferred Compensation	Â	12/31/2011	Â	J	572.819	Â	Â <u>(4)</u>	Â <u>(4)</u>	Common Shares
Deferred Compensation	Â	12/31/2011	Â	J	1,421.029	Â	Â <u>(6)</u>	Â <u>(6)</u>	Special Common Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

CARLSON LEROY T  
 TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC.     X     Chairman Emeritus  
 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000  
 CHICAGO, IL 60602

## Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power                                 01/19/2012  
 of atty

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) Series A Common shares are convertible, on a share-for-share basis, into common or special common shares.  
 Beneficial ownership of shares held in Voting Trust. Reporting person disclaims ownership of 191,514.7 (including 40,242.7 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) owned by wife. Includes 6782.12 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) Voluntary reporting of shares acquired in 2011 in the TDS 401K. The information is based on a plan statement dated 12/31/11. The number of shares fluctuates and is attributable to the price of the shares on 12/31/11.
- (4) Reporting person has deferred bonuses pursuant to the Long term incentive plan. The employer match vests ratably at 33%, 33% and 34% per year over a 3 year period. Common share units vested at 12/31/11 were 32,126.61  
 Common shares were granted without consideration under the long term incentive plan. As a result of the special common stock dividend, all options to purchase common shares as of May 13 under the long term incentive plan, whether vested or unvested, were adjusted into tandem options. The tandem option provides that upon exercise, the optionee purchases the number common shares originally subject to the option plus an equal number of special common.
- (6) Reporting person has deferred bonuses pursuant to the Long term incentive plan. The employer match vests ratably at 33%, 33% and 34% per year over a 3 year period. Special common share units vested at 12/31/11 were 75,225.97.  
 Beneficial ownership of shares held in Voting Trust. Reporting person disclaims ownership of 190,654.95 (including 39,382.95 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) owned by wife. Includes 2764.56 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.
- (8) Granted under the 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan. Options vest over a 3 year period with one-third of the number of shares becoming exercisable on the Aug. 26, 2009, one-third on Aug. 26, 2010 and one-third on Aug. 26, 2011.
- (9) Granted under the 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Options vest over a 3 year period with one-third of the number of shares becoming exercisable on the first anniversary, one-third on the second anniversary and one-third on the third anniversary.
- (10) Restricted stock unit award pursuant to the Long Term Incentive Plan. Stock units will become vested on December 15, 2012.
- (11) Restricted stock unit award pursuant to the Long Term Incentive Plan. Stock units will become vested on December 2, 2013.

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