

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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 Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

**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 WALTER CD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60602

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/ [TDS]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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**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)	(A) or (D)	Amount	Price	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)
Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	6,001.7233	D	Â
Special Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10,593.0594	D	Â
Special Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,899,863.7104 (3)	I	By Voting Trust

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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or N of Shares		
Series A Common shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	<u>(1)</u>	Â	<u>(1)</u>	Common or Special Common Shares	904,970
Series A Common Shares	Â	12/29/2009	Â	H	Â	2,241	Â	<u>(1)</u>	Â	<u>(1)</u>	Common or Special Common Shares	1,927,572

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty  
Date: 01/15/2010

\_\_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.

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, 110,241.93 (including 8986.93 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held as custodian for children, 7770 are held by wife and 686,786.385747 (including 16,789.385747 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 507,636.48 (including 7636.48 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) owned by two GRAT's, 93,961.96 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan and 521,175.33 in the individual reporting person's name.

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- (3) 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, 110,529.04 (9274.04 including shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) are held as custodian for children, 7770 are held by wife and 685,394.25047 (including 15397.425047 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 500,000 owned by two GRAT's, 74,995.12 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan and 521,175.33 in the individuals reporting person's name.

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