Carlson Prudence E Form 4 January 25, 2012

FORM 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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 Prudence E Issuer Symbol **TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS** (Check all applicable) INC /DE/ [TDS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000 01/24/2012 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check 4. If Amendment, Date Original 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) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivative Secur	ities A	Acquire	ed, 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 Acquarities Acquarities (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		(A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Special Common Shares	01/24/2012		Code V <u>J(2)</u>	Amount 49,693.52	(D)	Price (2)	(Instr. 3 and 4) 0	D	
Common Shares	01/24/2012		<u>J(2)</u>	49,693.52	A	<u>(2)</u>	49,693.52	D	
Special Common Shares	01/24/2012		J(2)	1,719,431.69 (3)	D	<u>(2)</u>	0	I	By Voting Trust
Common Shares	01/24/2012		J(2)	1,719,431.69	A	<u>(2)</u>	1,719,431.69 (3)	I	By Voting Trust

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Common Shares	01/24/2012	<u>J(2)</u>	11.22	D	<u>(2)</u>	0	D
Common Shares	01/24/2012	J(2)	11.3357	A	<u>(2)</u>	49,704.8557	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 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)	Code	TransactiorAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	7. Title : Underly (Instr. 3			
									Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
				Code	V		(A)	(D)			
Series A Common Shares	<u>(2)</u>	01/24/2012		J(2)				179,291.25	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	or Spe Comm
Series A Common Shares	<u>(2)</u>	01/24/2012		J(2)		194	4,888.6068		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Comm
Series A Common	(2)	01/24/2012		J <u>(2)</u>				1,720,583.4	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Specific Common Share
Series A Common	<u>(2)</u>	01/24/2012		J(2)		1,8	70,274.581		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Comm

Reporting Owners

Shares

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Carlson Prudence E 30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000 CHICAGO, IL 60602	X							

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Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty

01/25/2012

**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.
- Pursuant to a reclassification exempt under Rule 16b-3 and Rule 16b-7, each Special Common Share was reclassified into one Common (2) Share, each Common Share was reclassified into 1.087 Common Shares, and each Series A Common Share was reclassified into 1.087 Series A Common Shares, and each stock award relating to such shares was appropriately adjusted.
 - Reporting person is one of four trustees of a voting trust which is record owner of these special common shares and which files its holdings on a Form 4. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed with respect to 33,892.39 special common shares held for the benefit of spouse
- (3) and children. Includes 19,458.34 in reporting person's name and 979,769 in reporting person's Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (GRAT) both held for the benefit of the reporting person and 686,311.94887 held by family partnerships of which reporting person is a general partner.
- Reporting person is one of four trustees of a voting trust which is record owner of these Series A Common shares and which files its
 (4) holdings on a Form 4. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed with respect to 30,805.819 Series A common shares held for the benefit of spouse and children. Includes 1,839,468.762 shares which are held by family partnerships of which reporting person is a general partner.

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