

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 HERBERT C THEODORE

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)  
 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/13/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP Human Resources

CHICAGO, IL 60451

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Shares                   | 11/13/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 2,302   | A  | (2) 20,493  |
| Special Common Shares           | 11/13/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 2,302   | A  | (2) 29,426  |
| Common Shares                   | 11/13/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 11,700  | A  | (2) 32,193  |
| Special Common Shares           | 11/13/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 11,700  | A  | (2) 41,126  |
|                                 | 11/13/2007                           |  | F                              |   | 14,002  | D  | \$ 59.5 27,124  |

Special  
Common

Common Shares    11/13/2007    F    3,018    D    \$ 62.45    29,175    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) | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>       | \$ 43.88   | 11/13/2007                           |  | M                              | 2,302   | 02/10/1998 12/15/2007                                    | Tandem Common and Special Common Shares                       | 2,302                      |
| Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>       | \$ 43.75   | 11/13/2007                           |  | M                              | 11,700  | 11/10/1998 12/06/2007                                    | Tandem Common and Special Common Shares                       | 11,770                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| HERBERT C THEODORE<br>30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000<br>CHICAGO, IL 60451 |               |           | VP Human Resources |       |

## Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power  
of atty

11/14/2007

\_\_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) Granted under the long-term incentive plan.

As a result of the special common dividend on 5/13/05, all options to purchase common shares were adjusted into tandem options. The

(2) tandem option provide that upon exercise, the optionee purchases the number of common shares originally subject to the option plus an equal number of special common shares.

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