

HERBERT C THEODORE

Form 4

December 14, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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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)

12/12/2006

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

VP Human Resources

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

CHICAGO, IL 60451

(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 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)
Common Shares	12/12/2006		F ⁽¹⁾	2,352 D	\$ 53.88	18,191	D
Common Shares	12/12/2006		M ⁽²⁾	2,663 A	2	18,191	D
Special Common Shares	12/12/2006		M ⁽²⁾	2,663 A	2	27,124	D
Special Common Shares	12/12/2006		F ⁽³⁾	883 D	\$ 49.85	27,124	D

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 47.6	12/12/2006		M	2,663	02/26/1997 12/15/2006	Common and Special Common Shares	2,663

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power
of atty 12/14/2006

 **Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Delivery of mature common shares in payment of exercise price of Employee Stock Options acquired under the Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) 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 of common shares originally subject

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to the option plus an equal number of special common. The exercise price of the tandem option is \$47.60.

- (3) Delivery of special common shares as settlement for taxes due in connection with the exercise of Employee Stock Options acquired under the Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan.

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