

Wittwer David A
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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 *
 Wittwer David A

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)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President of a subsidiary

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

TDS TELECOM, 535 JUNCTION ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

MADISON, WI 53717

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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	3,148.5302	D	^
Special Common Shares	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	4,850.49	D	^
Common Shares	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	235.948	I	By wife
	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	263.385	I	By wife

Special
Common
Shares

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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 99.44	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/30/2002	04/30/2011	Tandem Common and Special Common Shares	1,441
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 38	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2006	06/19/2016	Special Common Shares	35,364
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 59.45	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2007	07/02/2017	Special Common Shares	43,077
Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.35	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â ⁽²⁾	08/26/2018	Special common shares	68,500
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2009	Â ⁽¹⁾	Special Common Shares	5,079
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2010	Â ⁽³⁾	Special Common shares	9,120

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wittwer David A TDS TELECOM 535 JUNCTION ROAD MADISON, WI 53717	Â	Â	Â President of a subsidiary	Â

Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power
of atty 01/23/2009

__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) Restricted stock units that vest on Dec. 15, 2009.
- (2) 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 Aug. 26, 2009, one-third on Aug. 26, 2010 and one-third on Aug. 26, 2011.
- (3) Restricted stock units that vest on Dec. 15, 2010.

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