

Wittwer David A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
TDS TELECOM, 535 JUNCTION ROAD  
(Street)  
MADISON, WI 53717  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/26/2008

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

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

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

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)      | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |        |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Code                        | V   | (A)                     | (D)                | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title            | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |        |
| Option<br>(Right to<br>buy) | \$ 35.35  | 08/26/2008              | A                  | 68,500   | <u>(1)</u>         | 08/26/2018       | Special<br>Common<br>shares         | 68,500 |
| Restricted<br>stock units   | <u>(2)</u>  | 08/26/2008              | A                  | 9,120  | 12/15/2010         | <u>(2)</u>       | Special<br>Common<br>Shares         | 9,120  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

By Julie D. Mathews, by power  
of atty 08/27/2008

\_\_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 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Options vest over a 3 year period with one-third of the number of shares becoming exercisable on the first annual anniversary, one-third on the second annual anniversary and one-third on the third annual anniversary.
- (2) Restricted stock units award pursuant to the long term incentive plan. Stock units will become vested on December 15, 2010.

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