

MEYERS KENNETH R  
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 \*  
MEYERS KENNETH R

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)  
Executive Vice President & CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
TDS, 30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/24/2012

CHICAGO, IL 60602

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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(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 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                   | 01/24/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 3,201.03 <sup>(5)</sup> D   | <u>(1)</u> 0  | I  | By 401(k)   |
| Special Common Shares           | 01/24/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 872.59 <sup>(5)</sup> D   | <u>(1)</u> 0  | I  | By 401(k)   |
| Common Shares                   | 01/24/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,441.39 A  | <u>(1)</u> 4,441.39 <sup>(4)</sup>  | I  | By 401(k)   |
| Special Common Shares           | 01/24/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 31,872.931 D  | <u>(1)</u> 0  | D  |   |

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|                       |            |                  |            |   |            |             |   |         |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---|------------|-------------|---|---------|
| Common Shares         | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 31,872.931 | A | <u>(1)</u> | 31,872.931  | D |         |
| Common Shares         | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 870.8559   | D | <u>(1)</u> | 0           | D |         |
| Common Shares         | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 946.6204   | A | <u>(1)</u> | 32,819.5514 | D |         |
| Common Shares         | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 500        | D | <u>(1)</u> | 0           | I | By Wife |
| Common Shares         | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 543        | A | <u>(1)</u> | 543         | I | By Wife |
| Special Common Shares | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 500        | D | <u>(1)</u> | 0           | I | By Wife |
| Common Shares         | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 500        | A | <u>(1)</u> | 500         | I | By Wife |

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) |           | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title Underlying Instrument (Instr. 9) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------|--|-----------------|---|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A)  | (D)       | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |
| Deferred Compensation                      | <u>(1)</u>   | 01/24/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |  | 15,387.03 | <u>(2)</u>   | <u>(2)</u>      | Special Compensation Shares               |
| Deferred Compensation                      | <u>(1)</u>   | 01/24/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |  | 15,387.03 | <u>(2)</u>   | <u>(2)</u>      | Common Shares                             |
| Option (Right to Buy)                      | \$ 59.45   | 01/24/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |  | 52,942    | 12/15/2007   | 07/02/2017      | Special Compensation Shares               |
| Option (Right to Buy)                      | \$ 59.45   | 01/24/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |  | 52,942    | 12/15/2007   | 07/02/2017      | Common Shares                             |
| Option (Right to Buy)                      | \$ 35.35   | 01/24/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |  | 93,000    | <u>(3)</u>   | 08/26/2018      | Special Compensation Shares               |

| Option (Right to Buy)  | Price    | Grant Date | Exercise Price   | Quantity | Expiration Date | Termination Date | Notes          |
|------------------------|----------|------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 35.35 | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 93,000   |                 |                  | (3) 08/26/2018 |
| Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.95 | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 129,400  |                 |                  | (3) 05/20/2019 |
| Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 26.95 | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 129,400  |                 |                  | (3) 05/20/2019 |
| Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 26.66 | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 132,500  |                 |                  | (3) 05/25/2020 |
| Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 26.66 | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 132,500  |                 |                  | (3) 05/25/2020 |
| Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 29.94 | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 121,200  |                 |                  | (3) 05/13/2021 |
| Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 29.94 | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 121,200  |                 |                  | (3) 05/13/2021 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (6)      | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 17,000   | 12/15/2012      | 12/15/2012       |                |
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| Restricted Stock Units | (7)      | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 16,700   | 12/02/2013      | 12/02/2013       |                |
| Restricted Stock Units | (7)      | 01/24/2012 | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 16,700   | 12/02/2013      | 12/02/2013       |                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| MEYERS KENNETH R<br>TDS<br>30 N. LASALLE ST. STE. 4000<br>CHICAGO, IL 60602 | X             |           | Executive Vice President & CFO |       |

## Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty  
01/26/2012

\*\*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).  
Pursuant to a reclassification exempt under Rule 16b-3 and Rule 16b-7, each Special Common Share was reclassified into one Common 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.
- (1) Reporting person deferred bonuses pursuant to the Long Term Incentive Plan. The employer match vests ratably 33%, 33% and 34% per year over a 3 year period, a total of 14,613.24 shares are vested.
- (2) Granted under the 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan. Options vest over a 3 year period with one-third becoming exercisable on the first annual anniversary, one-third on the second annual anniversary and one-third on the third annual anniversary.
- (3) Shares held in the TDS 401(k). The number of shares fluctuates and is attributable to the price of the shares on Jan. 25, 2012.
- (4) Shares held in the TDS 401(k). The number of shares fluctuates and is attributable to the price of the shares on Dec. 31, 2011.
- (5) Restricted stock vests on Dec. 15, 2012.
- (6) Restricted stock vests on Dec. 2, 2013.

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