

FIRST DATA CORP
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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 *
BETTS SCOTT H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6200 SOUTH QUEBEC STREET

(Street)

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST DATA CORP [FDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/23/2005		A	V 40,000 (1)	A \$ 0 90,000	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)

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.075	02/23/2005		A	31,250	02/23/2006 02/23/2015	Common Stock 31,250
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.075	02/23/2005		A	31,250	02/23/2007 02/23/2015	Common Stock 31,250
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.075	02/23/2005		A	31,250	02/23/2008 02/23/2015	Common Stock 31,250
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.075	02/23/2005		A	31,250	02/23/2009 02/23/2015	Common Stock 31,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BETTS SCOTT H 6200 SOUTH QUEBEC STREET GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

By: Stanley J. Andersen,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/25/2005

**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 award which vests, if the executive is still employed by the Company at the time, at 25% per year on the anniversary date of the grant (2/23/05). Vesting may be accelerated pursuant to the terms of the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

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