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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CARLSON LEROY T			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)			
	(First) NE AND DATA , INC., 30 N. L. 0000		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2012			X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman Emeritus					
Filed(. 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			
CHICAGO, IL 60602								Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	curities Ownership Indirect neficially Form: Direct Benefici vned (D) or Ownersh llowing Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) ported (Instr. 4) ansaction(s)		
Common Shares	12/15/2012			M	7,500	A	\$ 0	84,502.2629	D		
Common Shares	12/15/2012			F(2)	2,250	D	\$ 22.11	82,252.2629	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/15/2012		M	7,500	12/15/2012	<u>(1)</u>	Special Common shares	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CARLSON LEROY T TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC. 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000 CHICAGO, IL 60602	X		Chairman Emeritus			

Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 awarded pursuant to the long term incentive plan. Stock units became vested on Dec. 15, 2012.
- (2) Shares withheld to pay taxes on restricted stock units that vested on Dec. 15, 2012.

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