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Form 5

January 12, 2016

#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 5 **OMB** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer CARLSON LEROY T Symbol **TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS** (Check all applicable) INC /DE/ [TDS] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) \_X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify \_X\_\_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2015 Chairman Emeritus TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC., Â 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) CHICAGO, ILÂ 60602 \_X\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Transaction Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Acquired (A) or Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned at end Indirect (I) Ownership of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common Â Â Â Â Â Â Â 105,239 D Shares By 401k Common Â Â Â Â Â Â $9,375 \frac{(3)}{}$ I Shares plan Common By Voting Â Â Â Â Â Â Ι 223,991 (5) Shares Trust

By wife

# 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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title 1
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 38	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2006	06/19/2016	Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 59.45	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2007	07/02/2017	Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 35.35	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(6)	08/26/2018	Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.95	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(7)	05/20/2019	Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.66	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(7)	05/25/2020	Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 29.94	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(7)	05/13/2021	Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 20.79	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	05/15/2022	Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 22.6	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(9)	05/10/2023	Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.83	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(9)	05/16/2024	Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 29.26	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(9)	05/11/2025	Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/10/2016	05/10/2016	Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/16/2017	05/16/2017	Common Shares
	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/11/2018	05/11/2018	

Restricted Stock Units									Common Shares
Series A Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(1)	(1)	Common Shares
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Deferred Compensation	Â	12/31/2015	Â	J	3,255	Â	(4)	(4)	Common Shares

## **Reporting Owners**

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

## **Signatures**

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty 01/12/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Da

### **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) Series A Common shares are convertible, on a share-for-share basis, into common shares.
- (2) Beneficial ownership of shares held in Voting Trust. Reporting person disclaims ownership of 212,242 shares acquired by wife.
- Voluntary reporting of shares in the TDS 401K. The information is based on a plan statement dated 12/31/15. The number of shares fluctuates and is attributable to the price of the shares on 12/31/15.
- Reporting person has deferred bonuses pursuant to the Long term incentive plan. The employer match vests ratably at 33%, 33% and 34% per year over a 3 year period. Common share units vested at 12/31/15 were 154,490.
- (5) Beneficial ownership of shares held in Voting Trust. Reporting person disclaims ownership of 194,315 shares acquired by wife.
- 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 Aug. 26, 2009, one-third on Aug. 26, 2010 and one-third on Aug. 26, 2011.
- (7) 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 anniversary, one-third on the second anniversary and one-third on the third anniversary.
- (8) Granted under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Options vest over a 3 year period with one-third of the number of share becoming exercisable on the first anniversary, one-third on the second anniversary and one-third on the third anniversary.
- (9) Granted under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Options vest on the third annual anniversary
- (10) Restricted Stock unit award pursuant to the Long Term Incentive Plan. Stock units will become vested on the third annual anniversary.

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