HEFFERNAN EDWARD J

Form 4

February 20, 2019

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HEFFERNAN EDWARD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Officer (give title

X Director

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

below)

President and CEO

7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 02/15/2019 700

(Street)

4. 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

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispos	ecurities Acquired (A) isposed of (D) r. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		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	02/15/2010		Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	·	D	
Stock	02/15/2019		A <u>(1)</u>	8,968	A	<u>(1)</u>	237,333	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2019		A(2)	17,937	A	<u>(2)</u>	255,270	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2019		A(3)	17,937	A	<u>(3)</u>	273,207	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2019		F(4)	5,428	D	\$ 171.22	267,779	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2019		F(4)	1,870	D	\$ 174.28	251,893 <u>(5)</u> <u>(6)</u> <u>(7)</u>	D	

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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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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	J
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
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	Security				Acquired]
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Renorting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HEFFERNAN EDWARD J

7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 X President and CEO

PLANO, TX 75024

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney in Fact 02/20/2019

**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).
- The new grant is for 8,968 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 2,959 units on each of 2/18/20 and 2/16/21 and on 3,050 units on 2/15/22, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates
- The new grant is for 17,937 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the performance restriction lapses. The restriction may lapse with respect to 33% of such shares on each of 2/18/20 and 2/16/21 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/15/22 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2019 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- (3) The new grant is for 17,937 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the performance restriction lapses. The restriction may lapse with respect to 100% of such shares on 2/16/21

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contingent on meeting a relative total shareholder return metric for 2019 and 2020 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

- (4) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
 - The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 180,718 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,897 unvested units from an award of 5,578 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (c) 2,644 unvested units from an award of 7,776 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (d) 3,962 unvested units from an award of 5,912 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18; (e) 6,006
- unvested units granted 2/15/18; (g) the new grant for 8,968 time-based restricted stock units; (h) the new grant for 17,937 performance-based restricted stock units.
- Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2018, 75.8% of the original award of 11,824 performance-based restricted stock units (6) granted 2/15/18, or 8,963 units, were earned. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 2,958 units on 2/18/20 and with respect to 3,048 units on 2/16/21, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates.
- (7) The grant for 11,155 performance-based restricted stock units awarded on 2/15/17 was forfeited due to failure to meet the relative total shareholder return metric for 2017 and 2018.

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