### CARLSON LEROY T

Form 5

January 21, 2011

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no longer	subject	Wa	Washington, D.C. 20549					Expires:	January 31, 2005		
Form 4 or 5 obligation may conti	Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). Filed pursus Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported  Name and Address of Reporting Per ARLSON LEROY T  (Last) (First) (Micon Street)  ELEPHONE AND DATA STEMS, INC., 30 N. LAST		AL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES						verage rs per 1.0		
1(b). Form 3 H Reported Form 4 Transactio	Filed pur oldings Section 17(	(a) of the Public U	Jtility Holdi	ng Compa	any A	ct of	1935 or Section				
		Symbol	Symbol Issuer TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS					o of Reporting Person(s) to			
		INC /I	INC /DE/ [TDS]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (I	(Month/	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2010				X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  Chairman Emeritus				
SYSTEMS,	, INC., 30 N. LA	ASALLE					Chair	man Emeritus			
	(Street)			Original	Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  (check applicable line)						
CHICAGO	, IL 60602	UAL STATEMENT COUNERSHIP  Suant to Section 16(a) of a) of the Public Utility I 30(h) of the Investment					Form Filed by M	y One Reporting Person y More than One Reporting			
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-De	rivative Sec	curitie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Execution Date, if any	Transaction	(A) or Dis (D)	or Disposed of tr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â			57,848.9499	D	Â		
Common Shares	12/31/2010	Â	J(3)	289.27	A	\$ (3)	5,330.23	I	By 401k plan		
Special	10/01/0010	<b>^</b>	<b>*</b> (2)	22.05		d (2)	2 022 55		By 401K		

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Special Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	9,471.45	I	By wife
Special Common	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	7,129.8	D	Â
Special Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	219,234.79 (7)	I	By Voting Trust

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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 A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Option (Right to buy) (5)	\$ 99.44	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2001	04/30/2011	Tandem Common and Special Common Shares (5)
Option (Right to buy) (5)	\$ 59	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2002	07/05/2012	Tandem Common and Special Common Shares (5)
Option (Right to buy) (5)	\$ 52.92	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2003	07/03/2013	Tandem Common and Special Common Shares (5)
Option (Right to buy) (5)	\$ 66	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2004	05/08/2014	Tandem Common and Special Common

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									Shares (5)
Option (Right to buy) (5)	\$ 77.36	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2005	04/20/2015	Tandem Common and Special Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 38	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2006	06/19/2016	Special Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 59.45	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2007	07/02/2017	Special Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 35.35	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	08/26/2018	Special Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.95	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(9)	05/21/2019	Special Common Shares
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.66	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(9)	05/25/2020	Special Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2011	(10)	Special Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/15/2012	(11)	Special Common Shares
Series A Common Shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(1)	(1)	Common Shares or Special Common Shares
Series A Common shares	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(1)	(1)	Common Shares or Special Common Shares
Deferred Compensation	Â	12/31/2010	Â	J	383.761	Â	(4)	(4)	Common Shares
Deferred Compensation	Â	12/31/2010	Â	J	905.762	Â	(6)	(6)	Special Common Shares

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## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARLSON LEROY T

CHICAGO, ILÂ 60602

TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC. 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000

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À Chairman Emeritus À

# **Signatures**

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty

01/21/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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).
- Series A Common shares are convertible, on a share-for-share basis, into common or special common shares. **(1)**
- Beneficial ownership of shares held in Voting Trust. Reporting person disclaims ownership of 190,786.15 (including 39,514.15 shares **(2)** acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) owned by wife. Includes 6659.34 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.
- Voluntary reporting of shares acquired in 2010 in the TDS 401K. The information is based on a plan statement dated 12/31/10. The **(3)** number of shares fluctuates and is attributable to the price of the shares on 12/31/10.
- Reporting person has deferrred bonuses pursuant to the Long term incentive plan. The employer match vests ratably at 33%, 33% and **(4)** 34% per year over a 3 year period. Common share units vested at 12/31/10 were 31,553.80.
- Common shares were granted without consideration under the long term incentive plan. As a result of the special common stock dividend, all options to purchase common shares as of May 13 under the long term incentive plan, whether vested or unvested, were (5)adjusted into tandem options. The tandem option provides that upon exercise, the optionee purchases the number common shares orginally subject to the option plus an equal number of special common.
- Reporting person has deferrred bonuses pursuant to the Long term incentive plan. The employer match vests ratably at 33%, 33% and (6)34% per year over a 3 year period. Special common share units vested at 12/31/10 were 66,098.81.
- Beneficial ownership of shares held in Voting Trust. Reporting person disclaims ownership of 189,871.24 (including 38,599.24 shares **(7)** acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan) owned by wife. Includes 2709.55 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan.
- Granted under the 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan. Options vest over a 3 year period with one-third of the number of shares becoming (8)exercisable on the Aug. 26, 2009, one-third on Aug. 26, 2010 and one-third on Aug. 26, 2011.
- Granted under the 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Options vest over a 3 year period with one-third of the number of shares becoming (9)exercisable on the first anniversary, one-third on the second anniversary and one-third on the third anniversary.
- Restricted stock unit award pursuant to the Long Term Incentive Plan. Stock units will become vested on December 15, 2011.
- (11) Restricted stock unit award pursuant to the Long Term Incentive Plan. Stock units will become vested on December 15, 2012.

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