

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 UTAY ALAN M

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) (First) (Middle)
 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/26/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, CAO, Gen. Counsel, Secy

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/26/2010 | | M | 29,900 A \$ 14.93 | 113,328 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/26/2010 | | M | 13,182 A \$ 14.67 | 126,510 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/26/2010 | | S | 43,082 D \$ 76.31 | 83,428 ⁽¹⁾ | 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)

| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.93 | 04/26/2010 | | M | 29,900 | ⁽²⁾ 08/29/2011 | Common Stock | 29,900 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.67 | 04/26/2010 | | M | 13,182 | ⁽²⁾ 09/25/2012 | Common Stock | 13,182 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| UTAY ALAN M 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012 | | | EVP, CAO, Gen. Counsel, Secy | |

Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney
in Fact 04/28/2010

**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) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 38,342 unrestricted shares; (b) 16,674 unvested shares from an original award of 49,041 time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; (c) 11,792 unvested shares from an award of 17,600 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/23/09; (d) 3,324 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10; and (e) 13,296 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10.

(2) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

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- (3) The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 28,919 shares granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 29,472 shares granted 2/2/04, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 13,812 shares granted 2/3/05, which is fully vested; (d) an option for 16,565 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; and (e) an option for 9,743 shares granted 2/21/07, which is fully vested.

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