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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Shuma Douglas D		ing Person *	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)			
(Last) 8401 GREEN	(First) WAY BLVI	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2012	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP & Corporate Controller			
(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			
MIDDLETON, WI 53562				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities a corr Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 an	of (D)	red (A)	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)	
Special Common Shares	01/24/2012		<u>J(3)</u>	6,280.363	D	(3)	0	D		
Common Shares	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>	6,280.363	A	<u>(3)</u>	6,280.363	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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)	TransactionSecurities Acquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		
	Security						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
D. C 1				Code V	(A)	(D)			Sp	
Deferred Compensation	(3)	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>		5,437.823	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Con	
Deferred Compensation	<u>(3)</u>	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>	5,437.823		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Cor	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 35.35	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>		15,300	<u>(5)</u>	08/26/2018	Sp Cor Sl	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 35.35	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>	15,300		<u>(5)</u>	08/26/2018	Co: Sl	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.95	01/24/2012		J(3)		22,680	<u>(5)</u>	05/20/2019	Sp Cor Sl	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.95	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>	22,680		<u>(5)</u>	05/20/2019	Co	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.66	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>		24,600	<u>(5)</u>	05/25/2020	Sp Cor Sl	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.66	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>	24,600		<u>(5)</u>	05/25/2020	Co:	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 29.94	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>		21,500	<u>(5)</u>	05/13/2021	Sp Cor Sl	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 29.94	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>	21,500		<u>(5)</u>	05/13/2021	Co:	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>		3,200	12/15/2012	12/15/2012	Sp Cor Sl	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>	3,200		12/15/2012	12/15/2012	Cor	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/24/2012		J <u>(3)</u>		3,200	12/02/2013	12/02/2013	Sp Cor Sl	
	(2)	01/24/2012		<u>J(3)</u>	3,200		12/02/2013	12/02/2013	51	

Restricted Stock Units

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shuma Douglas D

8401 GREENWAY BLVD. Sr VP & Corporate Controller

MIDDLETON, WI 53562

Signatures

Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty 01/26/2012

**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) Restricted stock that vests Dec. 15, 2012.
- (2) Restricted stock that vests Dec. 2, 2013.
- Pursuant to a reclassification exempt under Rule 16b-3 and Rule 16b-7, each Special Common Share was reclassified into one Common (3) Share, each Common Share was reclassified into 1.087 Common Shares, and each Series A Common Share was reclassified into 1.087
- Sarre, each Common Share was reclassified into 1.08 / Common Shares, and each Series A Common Shares, and each stock award relating to such shares was appropriately adjusted.
- (4) Reporting person deferred performance bonus pursuant to the Long Term Incentive Plan. The employer match vests ratably over a 3 year period at 33%, 33% and 34%. At Dec. 31, 2011, a total of 5,095.681 were vested.
- (5) Granted under the 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan. Options vest over a 3 year period, with one-third vesting on the first annual anniversary, one-third vesting on the second annual anniversary and one-third vesting on the third annual anniversary.

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