HERBERT C THEODORE Form 4 January 26, 2012 FORM 4 January 26, 2012 Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1934, See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940												
<i>See</i> Instru 1(b).												
(Print or Type F	Responses)											
	ddress of Reporting I C THEODORE	Person <u>*</u>	2. Issuer Symbol	Name a	and	Ticker or T	rading	g	5. Relationship of Issuer	Reporting Per	son(s) to	
	TELEPH	TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/ [TDS]				EMS	(Check all applicable)					
				. Date of Earliest Transaction Month/Day/Year)					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify			
30 N. LASA	LLE ST., STE. 4	000		/24/2012					below) below) VP Human Resources			
				ed(Month/Day/Year)					<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Noi	n-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Code (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
Special Common Shares	01/24/2012			J <u>(1)</u>	·	38,712		<u>(1)</u>	0	D		
Common Shares	01/24/2012			J <u>(1)</u>		38,712	А	<u>(1)</u>	38,712	D		
Common Shares	01/24/2012			J <u>(1)</u>		41,364	D	<u>(1)</u>	0	D		
Common Shares	01/24/2012			J <u>(1)</u>		44,962	А	<u>(1)</u>	83,674	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)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
	becanty						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 59	01/24/2012		Code V $J_{(1)}^{(1)}$	(A)	(D) 8,855	12/15/2002	07/05/2012	Common and Special Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 28.27	01/24/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	18,480.385		12/15/2002	07/05/2012	Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 52.92	01/24/2012		J <u>(1)</u>		9,085	12/15/2003	07/03/2013	Common and Special Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 25.36	01/24/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	18,960.395		12/15/2003	07/03/2013	Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 66	01/24/2012		J <u>(1)</u>		8,545	12/15/2004	05/08/2014	Common and Special Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 31.62	01/24/2012		J <u>(1)</u>	17,833.42		12/15/2004	05/08/2014	Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 77.36	01/24/2012		J <u>(1)</u>		13,435	12/15/2005	04/20/2015	Common and Special Common Shares

Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 37.07	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	28,038.85		12/15/2005	04/20/2015	Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 38	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>		37,437	12/15/2006	06/19/2016	Special Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 38	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	37,437		12/15/2006	06/19/2016	Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 59.45	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>		25,737	12/15/2007	07/02/2017	Special Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 59.45	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	25,737		12/15/2007	07/02/2017	Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 35.35	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>		31,500	<u>(2)</u>	08/26/2018	Special Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 35.35	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	31,500		(2)	08/26/2018	Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.95	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>		38,600	<u>(2)</u>	05/20/2019	Special Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.95	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	38,600		<u>(2)</u>	05/20/2019	Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.66	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>		37,800	<u>(2)</u>	05/25/2020	Special Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 26.66	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	37,800		<u>(2)</u>	05/25/2020	Common Shares
	\$ 29.94	01/24/2012	<b>J</b> <u>(1)</u>		32,900	(2)	05/13/2021	

Stock Option (Right to buy)								Special Common Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 29.94	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	32,900		(2)	05/13/2021	Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>		5,100	12/15/2012	12/15/2012	Special Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	5,100		12/15/2012	12/15/2012	Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>		5,000	12/02/2013	12/02/2013	Special Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	01/24/2012	J <u>(1)</u>	5,000		12/02/2013	12/02/2013	Common Shares

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HERBERT C THEODORE 30 N. LASALLE ST., STE. 4000 CHICAGO, IL 60451			VP Human Resources				
Signatures							
Julie D. Mathews, by power of atty	01/	26/2012					
<u>**</u> 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).
- Pursuant to a reclassification exempt under Rule 16b-3 and Rule 16b-7, each Special Common Share was reclassified into one Common
   (1) Share, each Common Share was reclassified into 1.087 Common Shares, and each Series A Common Share was reclassified into 1.087 Series A Common Shares, and each stock award relating to such shares was appropriately adjusted.
- (2) Granted under the 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan. Option vests over a 3 year period with one-third vesting on the first annual anniversary, one-third on the second annual anniversary and one-third on the third annual anniversary.
- (3) Restricted stock that vests on Dec. 15, 2012.
- (4) Restricted stock that vests on Dec. 2, 2013.

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