

Epperson Leigh Ann K
Form 4
March 23, 2011

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Epperson Leigh Ann K

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)
7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE
700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/21/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP, General Counsel & Secy

(Street)
PLANO, TX 75024

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
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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. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/21/2011		A ⁽¹⁾	650 A <u>1</u>	12,920	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2011		A ⁽²⁾	2,600 A <u>2</u>	15,520 ⁽³⁾	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Epperson Leigh Ann K
7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700
PLANO, TX 75024

SVP, General Counsel & Secy

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney
in Fact

03/23/2011

__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 650 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 214 units on 2/21/12, on 215 units on 2/21/13 and on 221 units on 2/21/14, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

(2) The new grant is for 2,600 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 2/21/12 and 2/21/13 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/21/14 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2011 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.

(3) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 9,283 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,423 unvested units from an award of 4,180 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/23/09; (c) 298 unvested units from an award of 444 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10; (d) 1,266 unvested units from an award of 1,899 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10; (e) the new grant for 650 time-based restricted stock units; and (f) the new grant for 2,600 performance-based restricted stock units.

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