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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS] Miller Melisa A (Month/Day/Year) 09/08/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, (Check all applicable) **SUITE 700** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting EVP & Pres, Retail Credit Svcs Person PLANO, TXÂ 75024 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 26,666 (1) Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect
Exercisable Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney in Fact 09/12/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 5,744 unrestricted shares; (b) 4,040 unvested units from an award of 11,880 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/23/09, which are scheduled to vest on 2/23/12; (c) 1,114 unvested units from an award of 1,662 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10, of which 548 units will vest on 2/22/12 and 566 units will vest on 2/22/13; (d) 4,742 unvested units from an award of 7,113 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10, of which 2,371 units are scheduled to vest on each of 2/22/12 and 2/22/13; (e) 1,560 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11, of which 514 units will vest on 2/21/12, 515 units will vest on 2/21/13 and 531 units will vest on 2/21/14; (continued below)

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Remarks

(1) continued from above: (f) 6,241 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11

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