

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/

Form 8-K

February 26, 2009

## **FORM 8-K**



# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 26, 2009**

## TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in their charter)

<b>Delaware</b>		<b>001-14157</b>	<b>36-2669023</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)		(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 4000, Chicago, Illinois</b>			<b>60602</b>
(Address of principal executive offices)			(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(312) 630-1900**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 26, 2009, Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ( TDS ) issued a news release announcing its results of operations for the period ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information in this Item 2.02 of Form 8-K is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

Item 8.01. Other

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TDS and its directors, executive officers and other members of its management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of TDS in connection with the TDS 2009 annual meeting of shareholders. Information regarding TDS directors and executive officers and their respective interests in TDS by security holdings or otherwise is set forth in TDS proxy statement relating to its 2008 annual meeting, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on April 15, 2008, which may be obtained free of charge at the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and TDS website at [www.teldta.com](http://www.teldta.com). There has been no material change to such directors, executive officers or their interests since that time. In addition, the following identifies persons, and their beneficial ownership (as defined in SEC Rule 13d-3) of shares of TDS as of December 31, 2008, who may also be deemed to be participants: Kevin C. Gallagher, Vice President and Corporate Secretary of TDS (5,364 Common Shares and 21,147 Special Common Shares) and Mark A. Steinkrauss, Vice President Corporate Relations of TDS (20,246 Common Shares and 42,581 Special Common Shares). In addition, the class of other employees of TDS that may be employed in the solicitation of proxies include employees in investor relations and communications who report to the Vice President Corporate Relations of TDS. The nature of their employment in such solicitations will be preparing communications (which will be filed with the SEC as required under Regulation 14A), responding to questions from shareholders and requesting shareholders to return proxies to TDS. Additional information concerning participants that may be soliciting proxy statements on behalf of the TDS board of directors and their respective interests in TDS by security holdings or otherwise will be included in the proxy statement filed by TDS in connection with its 2009 annual meeting of shareholders. The 2009 proxy statement, other solicitation material and other reports that TDS files with the SEC, when available, can be obtained free of charge at the SEC s web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or from TDS on its website at [www.teldta.com](http://www.teldta.com). TDS SHAREHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER SOLICITATION MATERIAL FILED BY TDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TDS 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF TDS.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

In accordance with the provisions of Item 601 of Regulation S-K, any Exhibits filed or furnished herewith are set forth on the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

Attached as Exhibit 99.2 is a safe harbor cautionary statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: February 26, 2009

By: /s/ Douglas D. Shuma  
Douglas D. Shuma  
Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are filed or furnished herewith as noted below.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Earnings Press Release dated February 26, 2009
99.2	Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 Safe Harbor Cautionary Statement