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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>PARKS J MICHAEL</u> | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP</u> [ADS] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner |
| (Last) 17655 WATEI | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2005 | XOfficer (give title below)XOther (specify below)Chairman of the Board / CEO and President |
| (Street) DALLAS (City) | TX (State) | 75252-8012 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--------|---------------|-------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (|
| Common Stock | 02/03/2005 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 21,105 | A | (1) | 122,654 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/03/2005 | | A ⁽²⁾ | | 21,105 | A | (2) | 143,759 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/03/2005 | | A ⁽³⁾ | | 22,222 | A | (3) | 165,981 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$41.32 | 02/03/2005 | | A ⁽⁵⁾ | | 58,626 | | (5) | 02/03/2015 | Common Stock | 58,626 | (5) | 1,012,317 ⁽⁶⁾ | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The new grant is for 21,105 shares of performance-based restricted stock, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the restrictions lapse. The restrictions may lapse based on the performance of the Company relative to the S&P 500 measured as of 12/31/05.

2. The new grant is for 21,105 shares of time-based restricted stock. The restrictions will lapse on 6,964 shares on each of 2/3/06 and 2/3/07, and on 7,177 shares on 2/3/08.

3. The new grant is for 22,222 shares of time-based restricted stock. The restrictions on 11,111 shares will lapse on each of 12/9/05 and 12/9/06.

4. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 7,432 out of an original 120,000 shares of restricted stock granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (b) 4,500 shares purchased in the open market; (c) 18,661 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (d) less 2,640 shares given as a gift; (e) 37,856 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (f) 35,740 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/2/04, of which 0 shares are vested; (g) the new grant for 21,105 shares of performance-based restricted stock; (h) the new grant for 21,105 shares of time-based restricted stock; and (i) the new grant for 22,222 shares of time-based restricted stock.

5. The new option is for 58,626 shares, of which 19,346 shares will vest on each of 2/3/06 and 2/3/07 and 19,934 shares will vest on 2/3/08.

6. The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 6,588 out of an original 44,444 shares granted 3/10/97, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 177,777 shares granted 3/10/97, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 111,111 shares granted 3/10/97, which is fully vested; (d) an option for 83,333 shares granted 5/7/99, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 230,000 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 109,388 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (g) an option for 106,203 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 35,047 shares vested on 6/23/04, 35,047 shares will vest on 6/23/05 and 36,109 shares will vest on 6/23/06; (h) an option for 129,291 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 42,666 shares vested on 2/2/05, 42,666 shares will vest on 2/2/06 and 43,959 shares.

Remarks:

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact

02/07/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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