SEC Form 4

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SZEFTEL IVAN M (Last) (First) (Middle)			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) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title X Other (specify below)							
(Last)	(First)	(midule)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Executive Vice President / President Retail							
17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY			11/06/2003	Credit Svcs.							
				Circuit SVCS.							
(Street)		FEREN 0010	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)							
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)		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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/06/2003		F		7,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$27.53	36,472	D	
Common Stock	11/06/2003		М		21,413(1)	A	\$ 9	57,885 ⁽²⁾	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)		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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$9	11/06/2003		М			21,413 ⁽¹⁾	(3)	07/24/2008	Common Stock	21,413	(3)	272,496 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. 7,000 shares and \$7.00 have been delivered to the Company in payment of the exercise price of 21,413 employee stock options.

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 28,000 out of an original 35,000 shares of restricted stock granted 6/7/01, of which 21,000 shares are vested; (b) 1,000 shares purchased on the open market; (c) 7,472 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 6/24/03, of which 0 shares are vested; and (d) 21,413 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options.
 This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

4. The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an employee stock option for 89,698 out of an original 111,111 shares granted 7/25/98, which is fully vested; (b) an employee stock option for 22,222 shares granted 5/7/99, which is fully vested; (c) an employee stock option for 80,000 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (d) an employee stock option for 38,048 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; and (e) an employee stock option for 42,528 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 14,034 shares will vest on each of 6/23/04 and 6/23/05 and 14,460 shares will vest on 6/23/06. **Remarks:**

Jeanette Fitzgerald, Attorney in 11/10/2003

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** 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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