FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

<b>STATEMENT</b>	OF CHANGES	S IN BENEFIC	IAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KUBIC MICHAEL D					AI	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ ADS ]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title below) below)							
(Last) 17655 W	`	rst) ( V PARKWAY	,					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2004										Vice President, Controller / Chief Accounting Officer					
(Street) DALLAS TX 75252-8012					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting							
(City)	(St		(Zip)		<u> </u>	Person																	
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					action	ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			<u>.</u> ,	3. 4. Securi Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			rities Acquired (A) o			_	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Followin		Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price		Reported Transact (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock 12/15/					5/2004	)4			M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	0	A	\$1	5	15	,500		D				
Common Stock 12/15/					5/2004	004			S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	0	D	\$46.4		14,500(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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.		n of		Date Exe piration I onth/Day		e and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		Security	D S (li	Price of erivative ecurity 1str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
					Code	ode V		(D)	Da Ex	te ercisable		opiration	Title		Amoun or Number of Shares								
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15	12/15/2004			M <sup>(1)</sup>			1,000		(3)	08	3/31/2010	Comi		1,000		(3)	53,612 <sup>0</sup>	(4)	D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on July 30, 2004. The trading plan was established to sell up to 14,602 shares of the Company's common stock. Portions of the shares may be sold on specified dates or any time the stock achieves certain pre-arranged minimum prices and may take place beginning on August 6, 2004 and ending on February 4, 2005, unless sooner terminated. The Reporting Person will have no control over the timing of any sales under the plan and there can be no assurance that the shares covered by the plan actually will be sold. The Reporting Person entered into the plan for personal tax and financial planning purposes and will continue to have a significant ownership interest in the Company
- 2. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 12,000 shares of restricted stock granted 11/9/00, of which 7,200 shares are vested; and (b) 2,500 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/2/04, of which 0 shares are vested
- 3. 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 11,111 shares granted 10/29/1999, which is fully vested; (b) an employee stock option for 21,500 out of an original 26,500 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (c) an employee stock option for 1 out of an original 12,603 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (d) an employee stock option for 10,000 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 3,300 shares vested on 6/23/04, 3,300 shares will vest on 6/23/05 and 3,400 shares will vest on 6/23/06; and (e) an employee stock option for 11,000 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 3,630 shares will vest on each of 2/2/05 and 2/2/06 and 3,740 shares will vest on 2/2/07.

## Remarks:

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, 12/16/2004 Attorney in Fact

\*\* 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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations, See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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