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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* <u>UTAY ALAN M</u> | | | | | <u>AI</u> | 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 | | | | |
|---|---|--|-------------------|--|---|--|------------------|-----------------|--|-----|---------------------|---|-------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/13/2003 | | | | | | | |] | X Officer (give title X Other (specify below) Executive Vice President & CAO / General Counsel, Secretary | | | | | |
| (Street) DALLAS (City) | | | 75252-801 Zip) | 12 | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | ne) <mark>X</mark> F F | idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - Non | -Deriv | ative | Sec | curitie | s Ac | quired, | Dis | osed o | f, or | Bene | eficia | lly Ov | vned | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/l) | | | | action 2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea | | | n Date, | Code (Instr. 5) | | | | | nd Se Be Ov | Amount of curities neficially ned Following ported | 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 | Tra | nsaction(s) str. 3 and 4) | | (111501.4) | | |
| Common Stock 11/13 | | | | | /2003 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,600 D | | D | \$2 | 8 | 34,370(2) | D | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Privative | | Date, y/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | Instr. | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amour or Numbe of Title Shares | | ount nber | 8. Price Derivati Security (Instr. 5 | derivative Securities | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

<u>Jeanette Fitzgerald, Attorney in</u> 11/17/2003

** 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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^{1.} The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 3, 2003. The trading plan was established to sell up to 16,281 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 November 6, 2003 and ending on August 1, 2004, 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) 22,400 out of an original 28,000 shares of restricted stock granted 8/31/01, of which 5,600 shares are vested; (b) 5,081 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 6/24/03, of which 0 shares are vested; and (c) 6,889 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options.