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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 <sup>*</sup> <u>TUCKER DWAYNE H</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) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
(Last) (First) (M 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2009	EVP, HR & Pres Transaction Svc
(Street) DALLAS	ТХ	75252-8012	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
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		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					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)		(1150. 4)
Common Stock	02/23/2009		F <sup>(1)</sup>		11,570	D	\$28.92	129,326	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2009		A <sup>(2)</sup>		20,000	A	(2)	149,326 <sup>(3)</sup>	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. Nut of Deriv Secut Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	ative rities ired osed . 3, 4	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) sed 3, 4		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)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. 11,570 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.

2. The new grant is for a total of 20,000 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted down at the time the performance restriction lapses. The restriction may lapse with respect to 6,600 shares on each of 2/23/10 and 2/23/11 and with respect to 6,800 shares on 2/23/12 contingent on meeting a cash earnings per share growth hurdle for 2009. The award has a 10% cash EPS growth threshold to achieve 50% of the target award, with 100% of the target award obtained by achieving 17% cash EPS growth in 2009.

3. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 49,650 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,805 unvested shares from an original award of 5,306 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (c) 4,853 unvested shares from an original award of 9,706 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (d) 40,160 unvested shares from an original award of 59,939 performance-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; (e) 32,858 unvested shares from an original award of 49,041 time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; and (f) the new grant for 20,000 performance-based restricted stock units. **Remarks:** 

### Leigh Ann K. Epperson,

Attorney in Fact

02/25/2009

\*\* 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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