FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DENICOLA ANTHONY J</u>					<u>A</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ ADS ]											all applic Directo	able) r	g Pers	on(s) to Issu 10% Ov		
(Last)	(Fi	rst)	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/24/2003											Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(City)	(SI	ate)	(Zip)													X	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. Transac Date (Month/Date)					ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		Code (Instr.			4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)				, 4 and Securiti Benefic Owned		es ally following	Form (D) o	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Cod	e v		Amount	(A) or (D)		Price		Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 06/24/					4/200	/2003		A		Ī	1,091	(1) A		24.	03	36,427(2)(3)		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/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)				6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year			le and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)			S (I	. Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able		opiration	Title	N C	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	r						
Stock Option (Right to	24.03	06/24/2003			A		6,208		06/30/20	04 <sup>(4)</sup>	06	5/24/2013	Comn		6,208		\$24.03	6,208		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Such 1,091 shares are subject to a restriction on resale until one year after the Reporting Person's service on the Issuer's Board of Director terminates.
- 2. The Reporting Person also indirectly beneficially owns: (i) 17,790,349 shares held by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Samp; Stowe VIII, L.P., (ii) 17,922,447 shares held by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Will, L.P., (iii) 5,555,550 shares held by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Will, L.P., (iii) 6,555,555 shares held by WCAS Capital Partners III, L.P., and (v) 268, 398 shares held by WCAS Capital Partners II, L.P. The Reporting Person is one of several general partners and/or managing members of the respective sole general partners of such limited partnerships.
- 3. Pursuant to Instruction 4(b)(iv) of Form 4, the reporting person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities reporting as beneficially owned by each such limited partnership. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein, and/or that are not actually distributed to him.
- 4. The stock option vests in its entirety on the date of the Issuer's Annual Meeting of Stockholders in June 2004.

<u>Jonathan M. Rather, Attorney-</u> <u>in-Fact</u> <u>07/03/2003</u>

\*\* 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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