## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  UTAY ALAN M  (Last) (First) (Middle)  17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY					3. D	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [     ADS ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     12/11/2006									is. Relationship of Reporting I Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below) EVP, CAO, Gen.			10% Oth belo	Owner er (specify w)	
(Street) DALLAS (City)			75252-80 (Zip)	12	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									. Indiv ine) X	-7				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5)						Securi Benefi	cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect				
								Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Trai		action(s) 3 and 4)		(,		
Common Stock 1				12/11/2006				F <sup>(1)</sup>		1,568		D	\$64.0		04 38,506 <sup>(2)</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)	titive Conversion Date Execution D ity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		ay/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			ative rities ired osed	6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Date	е	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares		ount nber	nt er		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1,568 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock.
- 2. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 1,058 shares acquired through the Company employee stock purchase plan; (b) 6,592 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (c) 3,332 out of an original 4,972 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (d) 13,642 out of an original 17,778 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 7,716 shares are vested; (e) 6,941 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 0 shares are vested; and (f) 6,941 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 0 shares are vested.

## Remarks:

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, **Attorney in Fact** 

12/12/2006

\*\* 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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