

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/  
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 December 17, 2014

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| <b>UNITED STATES</b>  |   |
| <b>SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b>   |   |
| <b>Washington, D.C. 20549</b>   |   |
| <b>SCHEDULE 14A</b>   |   |
| Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of<br>the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. _____) |   |
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| <b>Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.</b>   |   |
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this Schedule 14A is to file a presentation, to be provided to shareholders by Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. (“TDS”) on and after December 17, 2014 as part of its shareholder engagement program, together with the following legend:

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TDS and its directors, executive officers and other members of its management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of TDS in connection with the TDS 2015 annual meeting of shareholders. Information regarding TDS directors and executive officers, and other persons who may also be deemed to be participants, and their respective interests in TDS by security holdings or otherwise is set forth in TDS’ proxy statement relating to its 2014 annual meeting, including schedules, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on April 18, 2014, which may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and TDS’ website at [www.tdsinc.com](http://www.tdsinc.com). There has been no material change to such directors, executive officers or other participants or their interests since that time, except to the extent noted in TDS’ filings with the SEC since that time. In addition, the class of other employees of TDS that may be employed in the solicitation of proxies include employees in investor relations and communications who report to the Vice President – Corporate Relations and Corporate Secretary of TDS. The nature of their employment in such solicitations will be preparing communications (which will be filed with the SEC as required under Regulation 14A), responding to questions from shareholders and requesting shareholders to return proxies to TDS. Additional information concerning participants that may be soliciting proxies on behalf of the TDS board of directors and their respective interests in TDS by security holdings or otherwise will be included in the proxy statement filed by TDS in connection with its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders. The 2015 proxy statement, other solicitation materials and other reports that TDS files with the SEC, when available, can be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or from TDS on its website at [www.tdsinc.com](http://www.tdsinc.com). TDS SHAREHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER SOLICITATION MATERIALS FILED BY TDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TDS 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF TDS AND OTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.**

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