ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading UTAY ALAN M Issuer Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS (Check all applicable) CORP [ADS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY 02/13/2009

EVP, CAO, Gen. Counsel, Secy (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common 02/13/2009 $F^{(1)}$ 704 D $147,111 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ D 36.88 Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
UTAY ALAN M			EVP, CAO,		
17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY			Gen. Counsel,		
DALLAS, TX 75252-8012			Secy		

Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney 02/18/2009 in Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) 704 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units
- The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 30,988 unrestricted shares; (b) 2,775 unvested shares from an original award of 4,141 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (c) 4,368 unvested shares from an original award of 5,824 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (d) 59,939 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; and (e) 49,041 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08.

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