

WOODS M TROY  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WOODS M TROY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TOTAL SYSTEM SERVICES INC [TSS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
P. O. BOX 2506  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/26/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and COO

COLUMBUS, GA 31902-2506  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/26/2009		A		14,778 (1)	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	01/26/2009		F		9,703	D	\$ 12.9
Common Stock					2,279	I	By Spouse

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**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WOODS M TROY P. O. BOX 2506 COLUMBUS, GA 31902-2506	X		President and COO	

## Signatures

Garilou Page,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 01/28/2009

\*\*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) These performance shares were originally granted effective March 31, 2008, but were denominated in dollars instead of in shares on the grant date and the number of shares was not determinable until January 26, 2009 based on the Compensation Committee's certification of the company's earnings per share for 2008. Each performance share represents the right to receive one share of the company's common stock. The actual number of shares to be issued is subject to upward or downward adjustment of up to 20%, based on the company's total shareholder return for the three-year period ending December 31, 2010. No shares will be issued until the Compensation Committee certifies that three-year performance, which certification will occur after December 31, 2008.
  - (2) Includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestment and through exempt purchases in the issuer's employee stock purchase plan.

### Remarks:

The reporting person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in shares owned by his son and previously included in the report.

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