TOTAL SYSTEM SERVICES INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GRIFFITH G SANDERS III**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

TOTAL SYSTEM SERVICES INC

(Check all applicable)

[TSS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(First) P. O. BOX 2506

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2009

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(Middle)

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

COLUMBUS, GA 31902-2506

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title

Amou or

> Numb of Sha

81,80

employee stock

option (right to

buy)

\$ 13.11 02/03/2009 A 81,808 02/03/2010(1) 02/02/2019

Common

Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRIFFITH G SANDERS III P.O. BOX 2506 COLUMBUS, GA 31902-2506

Sr. EVP, Gen. Counsel, Sec.

Signatures

Garilou Page, 02/04/2009 Attorney-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) Stock options vest in three equal annual installments of one-third each on February 3, 2010, February 3, 2011 and February 3, 2012.

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