

TOTAL SYSTEM SERVICES INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 TOMLINSON PHILIP W

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)
 02/02/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board & CEO

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

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

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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/02/2009		S ⁽¹⁾	4,795 D \$ 12.94	595,095	D	
common stock	02/02/2009		S ⁽¹⁾	1,000 D \$ 12.95	594,095	D	
Common Stock					159,236	I	GRAT 11/08
Common Stock					44,954	I	GRAT 2/2008
Common Stock					39,864	I	By Spouse

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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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 13.11	02/03/2009		A	266,972	02/03/2010 ⁽²⁾ 02/02/2019	Common Stock	226

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TOMLINSON PHILIP W P. O. BOX 2506 COLUMBUS, GA 31902-2506	X		Chairman of the Board & CEO	

Signatures

Garilou Page,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/04/2009

**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 sales were made in conjunction with the vesting of employee restricted stock award shares to cover the costs of taxes associated with such vesting.

(2) 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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