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February 20, 2007

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * UTAY ALAN M			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 17655 WATE	(First)  RVIEW PAI	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2007	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below)  EVP, CAO, Gen. Counsel, Secy			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DALLAS, TX 75252-8012				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City) (State) (	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

		Code	v	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
Common Stock	02/16/2007	A <u>(1)</u>		6,941	A	<u>(1)</u>	35,106	D
Common Stock	02/16/2007	F(2)		3,672	D	\$ 62.87	31,434 (3)	D

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**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Officer 10% Owner Other Director

UTAY ALAN M EVP. CAO. 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY Gen. Counsel, DALLAS, TX 75252-8012 Secv

### **Signatures**

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney 02/20/2007 in Fact

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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).
- Based on the Company's cash EPS growth as compared to the GAAP EPS growth of the S&P 500, 200% of the performance-based **(1)** restricted stock unit award granted on 2/13/06 vested, resulting in an additional 6,941 shares, for a total of 13,882 shares.
- 3,672 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted **(2)** stock units.

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 680 shares acquired through the Company employee stock purchase plan; (b) 6,592 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (c) 1,691 out of an original 4,972 shares of time-based

restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (d) 5,926 out of an original 17,778 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (e) 10,210 out of an original 13,882 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, which are fully vested; and (f) 6,335 out of an original 6,941 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 1,684

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