

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 3

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Â WCAS MANAGEMENT
CORP

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O WELSH, CARSON,
ANDERSON AND
STOWE,Â 320 PARK
AVENUE, SUITE 2500

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement
(Month/Day/Year)
11/01/20043. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting
Person
____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

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D Â

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

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(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying

4. Conversion

5. Ownership

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership

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(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WCAS MANAGEMENT CORP
C/O WELSH, CARSON, ANDERSON AND STOWE
320 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500
NEW YORK, NY 10022

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Signatures

Jonathan M. Rather, Vice
President

11/03/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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