TOTAL SYSTEM SERVICES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Issuer

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BLANCHARD JAMES H

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

TOTAL SYSTEM SERVICES INC

Symbol

[TSS]

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				_X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
COLUMBU	01/05/2009 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securi					ecuriti	es Acq	s Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect to Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V A		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	01/05/2009			J <u>(1)</u>	225,681 (1)	A	\$0	416,392	D		
Common Stock	01/05/2009			<u>J(1)</u>	225,681 (1)	D	\$ 0	0	I	GRAT 1/2007	
Common Stock	01/05/2009			J(2)	124,514 (2)	A	\$0	124,568	I	By Spouse	
Common Stock	01/05/2009			J(2)	124,514 (2)	D	\$0	0	I	Spouse GRAT 1/2007	
Common Stock								231,062	I	GRAT 01/08	

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Common Stock	63,195	I	GRAT S 8/08
Common Stock	106,177	I	GRAT S 6/2007
Common Stock	175,000	I	GRAT 5/08
Common Stock	28,546 (3)	I	GRAT S Jan/2009
Common Stock	86,746	I	Spouse GRAT 8/08
Common Stock	21,581	I	Spouse GRAT S 8/08
Common Stock	75,726	I	Spouse GRAT 5/08
Common Stock	60,244	I	Spouse GRAT S 8/2007
Common Stock	73,494	I	Spouse GRAT 6/2007

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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ioiNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	S	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number	

of

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Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BLANCHARD JAMES H
P. O. BOX 120

COLUMBUS, GA 31902

Signatures

Garilou Page, 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) On January 5, 2009, the form of ownership of these shares changed when they were distributed for no consideration from the reporting person's grantor retained annuity trust to the reporting person.
- On January 5, 2009, the form of ownership of these shares changed when they were distributed for no consideration from the reporting person's spouse's grantor retained annuity trust to the reporting person's spouse.
- (3) These shares have been transferred pursuant to an exemption under Rule 16a-13 since the reporting person's most recent Form 4 report.

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