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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS] **WCAS MANAGEMENT** (Month/Day/Year) **CORP** 11/01/2004 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O WELSH, CARSON, (Check all applicable) ANDERSON AND STOWE, 320 PARK Director __X__ 10% Owner **AVENUE, SUITE 2500** Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting NEW YORK. NYÂ 10022 Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 104 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 5. 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) Securities Underlying Ownership Beneficial Ownership **Expiration Date** Conversion

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

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, NYÂ 10022

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Signatures

Jonathan M. Rather, Vice President

11/03/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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