### ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

November 23, 2004

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

MCINERNEY THOMAS E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS

CORP [ADS]

(Month/Day/Year)

11/19/2004

(Check all applicable)

X\_ Director Officer (give title

X\_\_ 10% Owner Other (specify

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

(First)

(Street)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership Form: Direct (D)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

(D)

Reported Transaction(s) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Following

By the

Common Stock

11/19/2004

25,000 D S

Code V Amount

50,526

 $I^{(1)}$ 

McInerney/Gabrielle Family Limited

Partnership (2)

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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director

MCINERNEY THOMAS E C/O WELSH, CARSON, ANDERSON AND STOWE 320 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500 NEW YORK, NY 10022

X

Relationships

## **Signatures**

Jonathan M. Rather, Attorney-in-Fact

11/23/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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).

The Reporting Person also directly beneficially owns 205,669 shares and indirectly beneficially owns 16,160,349 shares held by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. and 104 shares held by WCAS Management Corporation. Pursuant to Instruction (4)(b)(iv) of

- Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by each such entity. The Reporting Person is a managing member of the sole general partner of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. and a controlling stockholder of WCAS Management Corporation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein and/or that are not actually distributed to him.
- The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the McInerney/Gabrielle Family Limited Partnership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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