TOTAL SYSTEM SERVICES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BLANCHARD JAMES H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TOTAL SYSTEM SERVICES INC [TSS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) P. O. BOX 120		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2009	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(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			
COLUMBUS	, GA 31902			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4	osed o	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	01/15/2009		J <u>(1)</u>	353,910 (1)	D	\$0	62,486	D		
Common Stock	01/15/2009		<u>J(1)</u>	353,910 (1)	A	\$ 0	353,910	I	GRAT 1/2009 22	
Common Stock	01/15/2009		J(2)	124,514 (2)	D	\$0	54	I	By Spouse	
Common Stock	01/15/2009		J(2)	124,514 (2)	A	\$0	124,514	I	Spouse GRAT 1/2009 24	
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	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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	ction C	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Tit. Amou Under Secur (Instr	int 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 15, 2009, the form of ownership of these shares changed when they were transferred for no consideration from the reporting person to the reporting person's grantor retained annuity trust.
- On January 15, 2009, the form of ownership of these shares changed when they were transferred for no consideration from the reporting person's spouse to the reporting person's spouse's grantor retained annuity trust.

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