

TOTAL SYSTEM SERVICES INC

Form 4

January 28, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GRIFFITH G SANDERS III

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 2506

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Sr. EVP, Gen. Counsel, Sec.

COLUMBUS, GA 31902-2506

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 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/26/2009		A		6,236 (1)	\$ 0	168,967 (2)	D
Common Stock							1,683	I
Common Stock							16 (3)	I
								By Spouse
								By Son

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
GRIFFITH G SANDERS III P. O. BOX 2506 COLUMBUS, GA 31902-2506	Sr. EVP, Gen. Counsel, Sec.

Signatures

Garilou Page,
Attorney-in-Fact 01/28/2009

__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) These performance shares were originally granted effective March 31, 2008, but were denominated in dollars instead of in shares on the grant date and the number of shares was not determinable until January 26, 2009 based on the Compensation Committee's certification of the company's earnings per share for 2008. Each performance share represents the right to receive one share of the company's common stock. The actual number of shares to be issued is subject to upward or downward adjustment of up to 20%, based on the company's total shareholder return for the three-year period ending December 31, 2010. No shares will be issued until the Compensation Committee certifies that three-year performance, which certification will occur after December 31, 2008.
- (2) Includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestment and through exempt purchases in the issuer's employee stock purchase plan.
- (3) Includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.

Remarks:

The reporting person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in shares owned by one of his sons and previously included

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