TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/ Form 8-K August 31, 2011

# FORM 8-K

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **CURRENT REPORT**

## Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

### The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 31, 2011

# **TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in their charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-14157 (Commission File Number) **36-2669023** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 4000, Chicago, Illinois** (Address of principal executive offices)

**60602** (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (312) 630-1900

### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 31, 2011, Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. (TDS) filed a definitive proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to a special meeting of shareholders to consider certain amendments to its restated certificate of incorporation and related matters. The special meeting will be held on the 4th floor of the Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois, on October 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Chicago time. As previously disclosed, the record date for the meeting is August 18, 2011.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The foregoing information is not a solicitation of a proxy from any TDS shareholder. This is being done only pursuant to the definitive proxy statement. Additional information relating to the foregoing is included in TDS proxy materials filed with the SEC and distributed to shareholders. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ SUCH MATERIALS BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Shareholders and other investors may access such materials without charge at the SEC s web site (www.sec.gov) and on the TDS web site (www.teldta.com) in the Investor Relations section on the SEC filings page. In addition, shareholders may obtain free copies of the proxy materials by contacting TDS proxy solicitor, MacKenzie Partners at (800) 322-2885. TDS and its executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from TDS shareholders on behalf of the TDS board of directors in connection with the foregoing. Information concerning such participants and their respective direct or indirect interests in TDS by security holdings or otherwise is included in TDS definitive proxy statement.

#### Item 9.01. Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

In accordance with the provisions of Item 601 of Regulation S-K, any Exhibits included in this Form 8-K are identified on the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. (Registrant)

Date: By: August 31, 2011

/s/ Douglas D. Shuma Douglas D. Shuma Senior Vice President and Controller

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### EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are filed or furnished herewith as noted below.

#### Exhibit

No.

Description 99.1 Notice of Special Meeting and Proxy Statement dated August 31, 2011, is hereby incorporated by reference from TDS Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on August 31, 2011.

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