

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>AYYAPPAN AJAY</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>320 PARK AVENUE</u> <u>29TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK</u> <u>NY</u> <u>10022</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ExlService Holdings, Inc. [EXLS]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/17/2026</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP & Gen Counsel/Corp. Sec'y.</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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, par value \$0.001 per share	02/17/2026		M ⁽¹⁾		2,915	A	\$0	56,430	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	02/17/2026		F		1,553	D	\$30.04 ⁽²⁾	54,877	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	02/17/2026		M ⁽¹⁾		2,495	A	\$0	57,372	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	02/17/2026		F		1,329	D	\$30.04 ⁽²⁾	56,043	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	02/18/2026		S		1,226	D	\$30.32 ⁽³⁾	54,817	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	02/18/2026		S		1,049	D	\$30.32 ⁽³⁾	53,768	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/17/2026		M ⁽¹⁾			2,915	(4)	(4)	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	2,915	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/17/2026		M ⁽¹⁾			2,495	(5)	(5)	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	2,495	\$0	2,495	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted stock units of ExlService Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") convert into common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock") on a one-for-one basis.
2. Pursuant to the ExlService Holdings, Inc. 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan, pursuant to which such restricted stock units were granted, the closing price of the Common Stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on the preceding day is used for purposes of computing tax reporting and withholding.
3. This sale was made pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan previously entered into by the reporting person on August 11, 2025.
4. On February 16, 2022, the reporting person was granted 2,332 (pre-split) restricted stock units, vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 25 percent of the restricted stock units became vested on February 16, 2023, an additional 25 percent of the restricted stock units became vested on February 16, 2024, an additional 25 percent of the restricted stock units became vested on February 16, 2025, and the remaining balance of 25 percent of the restricted stock units became vested on February 16, 2026.
5. On February 15, 2023, the reporting person was granted 1,996 (pre-split) restricted stock units, vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. 25 percent of the restricted stock units became vested on February 15, 2024, an additional 25 percent of the restricted stock units became vested on February 15, 2025, an additional 25 percent of the restricted stock units became vested on February 15, 2026, and the remaining balance of 25 percent of the restricted stock units will vest on February 15, 2027.

Remarks:

/s/ Ajay Ayyappan

02/19/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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