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RE: Petition for Waiver - Asotin Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to request partial waivers of 860-0034-040(2) and (7) pursuant to 860-034-0010(1) as these might pertain to requirements for an office located in Oregon. Under OAR 860-034-0010(1), upon request or its own motion, the Commission may waive any of the Division 034 rules for good cause shown. A request for waiver must be made in writing, unless otherwise allowed by the Commission.

Under OAR 860-034-0040(2) Each small telecommunications utility shall keep on file and open for public inspection at its offices, complete rate schedules, contract forms, rules and regulations of the utility, and a copy of the Commission's rules and regulations.

Under OAR 860-034-0040(7) Notices approved by the Commission shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each small telecommunications utility office where credit matters are transacted, setting forth the rights and responsibilities of customers under these rules. The notices shall be printed in large boldface type and shall be written in language that is easy to understand.

Per the 2016 Form L report filed with the Commission, TDS serves approximately 95 access lines in the Flora-Troy exchange in the State of Oregon. This single exchange is located just over the state line operated out of Washington State and there is not, nor have there ever been any offices in the State of Oregon. TDS has received no complaints regarding a lack of office in Oregon and it would be very costly and a burden to Oregon ratepayers to establish an office in the Flora-Troy exchange.

Pursuant to the Commission Order No. 17-330 (Docket No. UM 1849), TDS has agreed to post its tariffs on-line. In addition, Asotin will post a link to the required notices on their website. These measures will serve the public interest by allowing customers easier access to the required documents and notices.

On this basis, TDS respectfully requests that the Commission find that it is in the public interest to grant these partial waivers pursuant to OAR 860-034-0010(1).

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

Gail Long
Manager, State Government Affairs