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Oregon Public Utility Commission
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RE: UM 1849 Asotin Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom Petition for Exemption

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to provide additional information relating to Asotin Telephone Company's request for exemption filed in UM 1849. The Company has a single exchange with 95 lines in the State of Oregon which is operated out of the State of Washington. Thus, the regulatory relief that would be obtained if this petition is granted would benefit our customers through:

- Decreased cost of regulation:
 - through the elimination of tariff filing requirements and ability to deliver promotions, new services, and bundles to customers quickly
 - by the ability to merge, sell or purchase stock, issue securities, or enter into contracts without Commission approval
- Improved access to tariffs:
 - Once this petition is approved, the Company plans to post the Oregon tariffs on the public TDS Telecom website.

Based on this information, the Company respectfully requests the Commission issue an order finding it in the public interest to grant this exemption request.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

Gail Long
Manager, State Government Affairs