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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON

In the Matter of

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION  
UNDER ORS 759.040(4) AND (5) BY  
ASOTIN TELEPHONE COMPANY  
DBA TDS TELECOM

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

Asotin Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom (TDS) respectfully submits this Petition for Exemption pursuant to the authority set forth in ORS 759.040(4) and ORS 759.040(5).

Under ORS 759.040(4), a telecommunications utility serving fewer than fifty thousand access lines in Oregon may be exempted from ORS 759.180 to ORS 759.190; ORS 759.375 to ORS 759.393 and ORS 759.300 to ORS 759.360 if the Commission determines it to be in the public interest to grant the exemption.

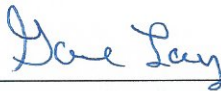
Under ORS 759.040(5), upon petition by a telecommunications utility serving fewer than fifty thousand access lines in Oregon, the Commission may exempt such telecommunications utility from ORS 759.175 and ORS 759.205 to ORS 759.215 if the Commission finds that it is in the public interest to do so.

Per the 2016 Form L, TDS operates approximately 95 access lines in the State of Oregon, which is clearly less than the fifty thousand access lines limitation in statute.

1 The Commission has exempted several rural telephone companies such as TDS under  
2 petitions filed pursuant to ORS 759.040(4) and ORS 759.040(5) in the past. TDS is not aware of  
3 any problems that have arisen or been created by such exemptions.

4 Providing exemptions to TDS will allow it to have increased flexibility in dealing with its  
5 customers and to better serve its customers. On this basis, TDS respectfully requests that the  
6 Commission find that it is in the public interest to grant the exemptions authorized by ORS  
7 759.040(4) and ORS 759.040(5).

8 DATED: June 12, 2017.

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