

DOCKET NO. UM 1310

**Required Cover Sheet for Submission of
2007 Annual ETC Recertification Reports**

Filing Deadline: Monday, July 16, 2007

Name of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier: Home Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom

Filing date: June 27, 2007

Is this: Original submission? XX

OR

Revised submission? _____ If revised, please identify which reports are being revised _____

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Salem, OR 97308-2148

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Salem, OR 97308-2148

If you have any questions on these reports, please call Kay Marinos at 503-378-6730, or Celeste Hari at 503-378-6628.

2007 Annual Recertification Reports for ETCs in Oregon

Docket No. UM 1310

Report Formats to Satisfy Requirements of Order No. 06-292 for 2007

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Report #1 – Supported Services Offerings

1.1. Basic Local Usage Service Offerings – All ETCs

Choose either A. or B. below, as applicable:

- A. Basic local usage service offerings are filed under tariff with the Oregon PUC. The specific tariff references (with *company name, tariff number, section and page numbers*) for the basic local usage offerings and corresponding rates are:
 - 1. residence: Home Telephone Company,
PUC No. 5, Section IV, Seventh Revised Sheet 1
\$16.55
 - 2. business: Home Telephone Company,
PUC No. 5, Section IV, Seventh Revised Sheet 1
One-Party, Key Line and PBX Trunk, all \$25.55

- B. Basic local usage service offerings are **not** filed under tariff with the Oregon PUC. Submit the following information for each basic service offering that includes local usage allowances (unlimited or limited): 1) plan’s name, 2) advertised public description, 3) number of local minutes included, 4) calling area included, and 5) rates and charges. Include basic offerings for both residence and business services.

1.2. Comparable Local Usage Plan – CETCs only

The carrier certifies that it offers at least one basic local usage plan that is comparable to those offered by the ILECs in its designated service area: yes no

Identify which of the plans in 1.1.B above are “comparable” to the ILEC local usage offerings, and explain the basis for the comparability. _____

1.3. Supported Services Not Provided – CETCs only

Identify any supported services that were not available at designation, but were to be provided as a condition of ETC designation (e.g., toll restriction for qualifying low-income consumers, E911): _____

Are these services provided currently? yes no

If no, explain why not: _____

1.4. Equal Access Acknowledgement – CETCs only

The carrier acknowledges that it may be required to provide equal access if it is the only remaining ETC in an area: yes no

Report #2 – Unfulfilled Service Requests

2.1. Unfulfilled Service Requests/Held Orders – All ETCs

Choose **either** A. or B. below, as applicable:

- A. ___ Service quality reports for “primary held orders over 30 days” were filed with the Oregon PUC for calendar year 2006. No additional submission is required for recertification purposes.
- B. XX Service quality reports for “primary held orders over 30 days” were **not** filed with the Oregon PUC for calendar year 2006. In this case, choose **one** of the following alternatives for reporting:
1. ___ The number of customer requests for supported services that were not fulfilled during calendar year 2006: _____.
If greater than zero, include an attachment noting for each such request, the location (address) of the request and a description of attempts to provide service.
 2. XX The number of “primary held orders over 30 days” (as defined in Section 860-034-0390 of the Oregon Commission rules) for calendar year 2006: Zero.
If greater than zero, include attachment noting for each such held order, the reason the order was held and the original commitment date.

2.2. Service Request Processing - CETCs only

Submit a description of how the carrier ensures that every request for service that cannot be immediately fulfilled is recorded and processed under the 6-step process set forth in 47 CFR Section 54.202(a)(1)(i).

Report #3 – Evidence of Advertising for Basic Supported Services (excluding low-income/lifeline) – All ETCs

Describe how basic supported services were advertised during calendar year 2006 throughout the designated service area. List the types of media used, advertising frequencies and geographic coverage. Attach examples of actual advertisements, noting dates, specific distribution methods, and target geographical populations, sufficient to demonstrate that basic supported services and rates were advertised **throughout** the designated service area in 2006.

- Our supported services are advertised on an annual basis (May 2006) using the local newspaper, the *Times Journal* as the distribution method to target customers or geographical populations within our serving area.
- The *Times Journal* runs in Gillam, Wheeler and Sherman Counties & covers the following zip codes: 97812, 97823, 97830, 97874, 97750, 97039, 97029, 97065, 97050, 97033
- Attachment 1 – Copy of ETC Newspaper Notice

Report #4 – Low-income Services – All ETCs

4.1. Number of Lifeline Customers – All ETCs

The total number of customers receiving Lifeline discounts during the month of December 2006 in the designated service area: 21.

CETCs only - also list counts by ILEC service area as follows:

| <u>ILEC Svc Area</u> | <u>No. of Lifeline customers</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

4.2. Advertising of Low-Income Program Service Offerings – All ETCs

Submit copies of all advertisements (for all media) for Lifeline, LinkUp, and OTAP service offerings that were run during calendar year 2006, noting media (newspaper name, radio station, bill inserts, internet postings, etc.), run/distribution dates, and geographic coverage area.

- Attachment 2 – Lifeline/Linkup Newspaper Ad ran the week of 11/6/06 in the *Times Journal* covering the counties of Gillam, Sherman and Wheeler & including the zip codes of: 97812, 97823, 97830, 97874, 97750, 97039, 97029, 97065, 97050, 97033.
- Attachment 3 – Lifeline Directory Page, included in the TDS Telecom directed which is published annually in November.
- Attachment 4 – Lifeline information posted on TDS Telecom website which includes links to USAC. www.tdstelecom.com
- Attachment 5 – Residential Customer Newsletter – information on lifeline/linkup
- Attachment 6 - Text of Lifeline Public Service Announcement sent to KWVR-FM Enterprise, OR and KUPL-FM and KWJJ-FM in Portland OR. Because it is a non-paid advertisement, the radio stations do not guarantee they will run the ad, or confirm for us if they did or when.
- Attachment 7 – Text of press release. Sent to newspaper noted above, but because it is a non-paid advertisement, the paper does not guarantee they will run the ad, or confirm for us if they did or when.

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Report #5 – Outage Report – All ETCs

Choose either A. or B. below, as applicable:

A. XX Carrier was required to report service outages (as defined in Oregon PUC Rules at Sections 860-034-0390(9) for small telecom utilities, 860-023-0055(9) for large telecom utilities, and 860-032-0012(9) for competitive telecom providers) to the Oregon PUC during year 2006. No additional submission is required for recertification purposes.

B. Carrier was *not* required to report service outages (as defined in Oregon PUC Rules at Sections 860-034-0390(9) for small telecom utilities, 860-023-0055(9) for large telecom utilities, and 860-032-0012(9) for competitive telecom providers) to the Oregon PUC during year 2006. Select #1 (wireline carriers) or #2 (wireless carriers) below.

1. The number of service outages, as defined in Oregon PUC rules, that occurred during calendar year 2006 was _____.

If the number was greater than zero, attach a report that lists for each such outage the following: the date and time of onset, a brief description of the outage and its resolution, the particular services affected, the geographic areas affected, steps taken to prevent a similar future occurrence, and the number of customers affected.

2. The number of service outages, as defined in FCC rules at 47 CFR Section 54.209(a)(2), that occurred during calendar year 2006 was _____.

If the number was greater than zero, attach a report that lists for each such outage the following: the date and time of onset, a brief description of the outage and its resolution, the particular services affected, the geographic areas affected, steps taken to prevent a similar future occurrence, and the number of customers affected.

Report #6 – Trouble Report – All ETCs

Choose either **A.** or **B.** below, as appropriate:

A. ____ Trouble reports were filed with the Oregon PUC for calendar year 2006 per Oregon PUC service quality rules. No additional submission is required for recertification purposes.

B. XX Trouble reports were **not** filed with the Oregon PUC during calendar year 2006. In this case, choose **one** of the following alternatives for reporting:

1. ____ The number of customer trouble reports received per 100 wireless handsets for supported services during calendar year 2006, for each company switch.

| <u>Trouble Type</u> | <u>Switch A (location)</u> | <u>Switch B (location)</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| No service | _____ | _____ |
| Network busy | _____ | _____ |
| Interruption of service | _____ | _____ |
| Poor reception | _____ | _____ |

2. XX The number of customer trouble reports, as defined in Section 860-034-0390 (5) of the Oregon PUC rules, received during calendar year 2006: .52 per 100 working access lines.

Report #7 – Network Improvement Plan – CETCs Only

The following detailed information must be included in each network improvement plan. Only CETCs must file these plans for recertification purposes. CETCs that receive *only* low-income program support (no high-cost or access-related support), do not have to file network improvement plans. CETCs are strongly encouraged to use the format laid out in the attached Excel worksheets to provide information required in the outline below (taken from the UM 1217 order), rather than use some other format developed by the CETC.

7.1. Demonstration of use of support funds (other than low-income funds) received during 2006, including:

- 7.3.1.1. The amount of support funds, by type, received during the year.
- 7.3.1.2. Year-end counts of eligible lines/handsets in service for each ILEC service area as they were reported to USAC for the past December.
- 7.3.1.2. Identification of each project for which the support was used, the actual support expenditures (by amount and type) for each project, and status of project (completed or still in progress).
- 7.3.1.3. The resulting benefits to consumers (qualitative and quantitative) from each project and updates to coverage and signal strength maps.
- 7.3.1.4. Explanation of how and why actual spending of support funds differed from spending proposed in the previous network improvement plan.
- 7.3.2. Updates to network improvement plan for the current calendar year and the following year:
 - 7.3.2.1. Forecast of support amount, by type (LSS, HCL, ICLS, IAS), that the applicant expects to receive during each of the next 2 years, as well as an explanation of how the forecast was derived.
 - 7.3.2.2. Detailed information for each project that will use support funds:
 - 7.3.2.2.1. Description and purpose of the project, its physical location and the ILEC serving that area.
 - 7.3.2.2.2. The start date and completion data (by quarter).
 - 7.3.2.2.3. Amount of support money allocated to the project, in total and broken down by investment and expense types.
 - 7.3.2.2.4. The amount of company's own funds that will be used for each supported project.
 - 7.3.2.2.5. Brief explanation of why the carrier would not make these improvements without the availability of support funding.
 - 7.3.2.2.6. Quantification of resulting service improvements by type (increased coverage, signal strength, capacity, etc.), population benefited, and geographic area benefited (shown on map).

Report #8 – Special Commitments/Requirements – CETCs only

Did the Oregon PUC impose any special commitments or requirements at initial designation or during the previous annual recertification process? yes ____ no ____.

If yes, identify the commitments or requirements and explain if, and how, they have been met.

Report #9 – Certifications - All ETCs

9.1. IAS or ICLS Certification Copy – All ETCs Receiving IAS and/or ICLS

All ETCs receiving interstate access-related support (IAS or ICLS) must submit a copy of the certification for the use of IAS or ICLS support that was sent to USAC and the FCC in June 2007.

9.2. Certification of Use of Universal Service Funds – All ETCs receiving HCL and/or LSS (Rural ILECs and CETCs Designated in Rural ILEC Areas)

To continue receiving traditional high cost support (HCL, LSS), ETCs must submit a notarized affidavit signed by a responsible company official certifying that the carrier will use the high cost support funds only for the intended purposes. Use of the sample affidavit form displayed on the following page is recommended.

9.3. Certification of Emergency Functionality and Compliance with Service Quality and Consumer Protection Measures – All ETCs

Each ETC must submit a notarized affidavit signed by a responsible company official certifying that the carrier: 1) is able to remain functional in an emergency, and 2) is complying with all service quality and consumer protection measures in either the applicable Oregon Commission rules (for wireline carriers), the CTIA Consumer Code (for wireless carriers), or some other specific set of standards. All ETCs must submit this affidavit. A copy of an acceptable affidavit form follows the affidavit for high cost support.

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS

I, Kevin G. Hess, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath, state that I am the Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs [an officer] of TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Home Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom ("Company") and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Pursuant to the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, there must be annual certification that funds received under the federal Universal Service Fund programs will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Company hereby certifies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon that pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.7, and for purposes of the certification required under 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the company will use all federal high-cost support provided to it only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with the principles of universal service set forth in 47 U.S.C. 254. This includes, but is not limited to, trying to meet the goal of the provision of services that are properly supported by the high-cost funds at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas.

Home Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (Company)

By: Kevin G. Hess
Kevin G. Hess

Its: Sr. Vice President
Government & Regulatory Affairs

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 26th day of June, 2007.

Irngard F. Metz
Irngard F. Metz – Notary Public
Dane County, Wisconsin

My Commission Expires: May 8, 2011.

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING EMERGENCY FUNCTIONALITY AND COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION MEASURES

I, Kevin G. Hess, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath, state that I am the Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs [an officer] of TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Home Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom ("Company") and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

The Company hereby certifies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, pursuant to the requirements of Commission Order No. 06-292, that it:

- 1) is able to remain functional in emergencies, and,
- 2) complies with service quality and consumer protection measures in

(check one):

applicable Oregon Commission rules, or

the CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless Carriers, or

other (describe and explain conformance with requirements of Order No. 06-292): _____

DATED this 21st day of June, 2007.

Home Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (Company)

By: Kevin G. Hess
Kevin G. Hess

Its: Sr. Vice President
Government & Regulatory Affairs

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 26th day of June, 2007.

Irmgard F. Metz
Irmgard F. Metz – Notary Public
Dane County, Wisconsin

My Commission Expires: May 8, 2011.

ATTACHMENT 1

**ETC NEWSPAPER
ADVERTISEMENT**

Look To Us For Your Basic Phone Service

Home Telephone Company offers the following local exchange telecommunications services to all customers throughout its serving area:

- Voice grade access to the public switched network;
- Local exchange service;
- Dual tone multi-frequency signal;
- Single party service;
- Access to emergency service;
- Access to operator services;
- Access to interexchange service;
- Access to directory assistance; and
- Toll blocking without charge to qualified low income customers.

Below are the monthly rates for local exchange service:

| <u>Residential Monthly Rate*</u> | <u>Business Monthly Rate*</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$16.55 | \$25.55 |

Monthly discounts are available to residential customers meeting certain low income criteria.

For more information, contact TDS Telecom toll-free at 1-888-837-8020.



*The above rates do not include charges for long distance, operator services, Directory Assistance, 911 emergency service, optional local calling plans, mandatory local mileage or zone charges, or other state and federal taxes/surcharges.

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ATTACHMENT 2

LIFELINE/LINKUP NEWSPAPER AD

Get a Discount on Your Phone Service

If you think you can't afford local phone service, think again. You could qualify for a discount on local phone service through two low-income telephone assistance programs.

- Lifeline Assistance credits reduce monthly local service charges.
- Link-Up credits reduce installation charges for a single access line in your primary residence.

Who's Eligible?

If you have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guideline or if you participate in one of the following programs, call us today to discuss your options:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

To learn more or to apply for Lifeline or Link-Up credits, call TDS Telecom, toll-free, at **1-888-CALL-TDS**.



ATTACHMENT 3

TDS DIRECTORY PAGE – LIFELINE INFORMATION

TDS Directory Information

Lifeline and Link-Up Provides Discounts on Phone Service

You could qualify for a discount on local phone service through two low-income telephone assistance programs. TDS Telecom provides two programs to help make phone service available to more people in our serving areas:

Lifeline Assistance credits reduce monthly local telephone service charges for one telephone connection per household. If you're eligible, you can receive up to \$10 per month in Lifeline discounts. Lifeline does not apply to taxes, surcharges, and mileage charges.


Link-Up credits reduce installation charges for a single access line in your primary home. If you qualify, you could save 50 percent on installation fees, up to \$30. Link Up does not cover the cost of wiring inside a home.

If you live on federal tribal lands, you may qualify for further discounts.

Call your local TDS Telecom office to find out whether you qualify for either of these discounts.

ATTACHMENT 4

**LIFELINE INFORMATION INCLUDED ON
TDS TELECOM WEBSITE**


SITE SEARCH

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Get a Discount on Your Phone Service

If you think you can't afford local phone service, think again. You could qualify for a discount on local phone service through two low-income telephone assistance programs.

- Lifeline Assistance credits reduce monthly local service charges.
- Link-Up credits reduce installation charges for a single access line in your primary residence.

Who's Eligible?

Please call us at 1-888-225-5837 to learn more about specific eligibility requirements for these programs in your state.

Please Note:
If you live on federal tribal lands, you may qualify for further discounts.

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Lifeline Support

What is Lifeline Support?

Lifeline support lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. An eligible customer may receive the Lifeline discount either a wireline or wireless connection, but the discount is available for only one telephone connection per household. Lifeline discounts do not apply to taxes, surcharges, and mileage charges.

- **Non-tribal Customers**
Eligible consumers can receive up to \$10 per month in Lifeline discounts. Additional state support may be available.
- **Tribal Customers**
Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$25 in Lifeline discounts, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

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Link Up Support

What is Link Up Support?

Link Up support reduces the one-time cost associated with initiating telephone service and line extension to the consumer's residence. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for any remaining costs of up to \$200. Link Up can reduce the cost of either wireline or wireless service, but do not offset the cost of purchasing a wireless phone. Link Up does not cover the cost of wiring inside a home. A consumer may only receive the Link Up discount once, unless that consumer moves to a new residence-consecutive discounts at the same address are not allowed.

- **Non-tribal Customers**
Consumers qualifying for Link Up support are eligible to save 50 percent on installation fees, up to \$30.
- **Tribal Customers**
Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70 to cover 100% of charges between \$60 and \$130. However, tribal customers must still pay 50% of the first \$60.

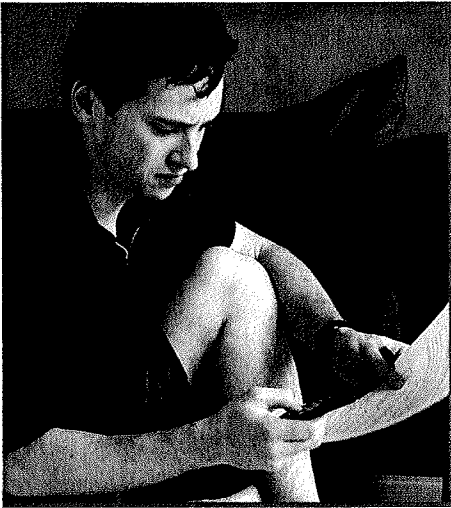
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ATTACHMENT 5

**RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER – LIFELINE
INFORMATION**



Send out a Lifeline

Do you know someone who may qualify for a discount on his/her phone service?

Often people with low income, or people who use government assistance, think they can't afford local phone service, but that's not necessarily true. If you know someone who fits that description, let them know they could qualify for a discount on local phone service through two low-income telephone assistance programs:

- **Lifeline Assistance** credits reduce monthly local service charges.
- **Link-Up** credits reduce installation charges for a single access line in your primary residence.

Please Note: If your friend or neighbor lives on federal tribal lands, they may qualify for further discounts.

Who's eligible?

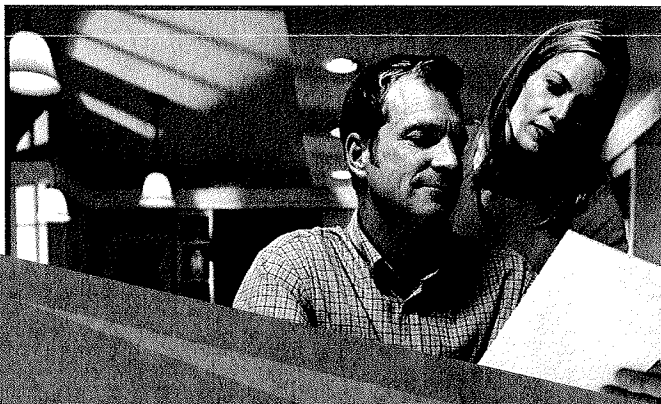
Please have your friend or neighbor call us at 1-888-225-5837, ext. 160, to learn more about specific eligibility requirements for these programs in your state.

Simplify with a combined TDS bill!

You can now enjoy the convenience and simplicity of having all of your services on one bill.

- You'll only have to send one check, use one postage stamp, and will receive one simple bill each month.
- If you're taking advantage of TDS ePay, our free online bill paying service, you can have one place to log in, view, and pay.

Combine your bills today by calling us at 1-888-CALL-TDS. If you've already combined your bills and want to sign up for TDS ePay, visit www.tds-ePay.com.



Hackers target home wireless networks

A home wireless network allows you to access the Internet from anywhere in the house, yet you may not be the only person viewing your online records. If your network is unsecured, you're running the risk of hackers stealing your personal information or damaging your computer.

In a practice known as wardriving, people search for Wi-Fi wireless networks while in a moving vehicle. They can use a global positioning system (GPS) and laptop to detect networks, and access your wireless network traffic. This may include private e-mails, financial information, credit card numbers, and passwords.

Here are some tips to reduce the chance you'll become a victim of wardriving:

- Avoid using something obvious like your name or address when naming your network
- Activate Wireless Encryption Protocol on your router so you block access
- Disable the broadcast so you won't see the access point if you scan with your network card

By taking these simple steps, you can keep your personal information safe and enjoy the benefits of your wireless home network.



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ATTACHMENT 6

**LIFELINE PUBLIC SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENT**



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM TDS TELECOM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 2006- December 2006

Contact: DeAnne Boegli, 608-664-4428, deanne.boegli@tdstelecom

LIFELINE and LINKUP PROGRAMS MAKE PHONE SERVICE AFFORDABLE

YOU COULD QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNT ON LOCAL PHONE SERVICE THROUGH TWO LOW-INCOME TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

ELIGIBLE TDS TELECOM CUSTOMERS CAN APPLY FOR CREDITS WHICH CAN REDUCE MONTHLY LOCAL SERVICE CHARGES OR INSTALLATION CHARGES FOR A SINGLE LINE IN YOUR HOME.

TO LEARN MORE OR TO APPLY FOR THESE PROGRAMS, CALL TDS TELECOM AT 1-888-CALL-TDS.

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ATTACHMENT 7

PRESS RELEASE TEXT



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date:

September 21, 2006

For More Information Contact:

DeAnne Boegli, Public Relations

608-664-4428

media.tdstelecom.com

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LOCAL PHONE SERVICE FOR LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS

According to United States census numbers, more than 37 million people live at or below poverty level. While more than 95 percent of American households have telephone service, there are millions who simply cannot afford having a telephone in their homes.

With help from the federal government's Universal Service Fund programs, Lifeline and Link Up, TDS Telecom is committed to helping low-income families get telephones in their homes at an affordable rate.

"Lifeline and Link Up are designed to ensure that everyone in the country has access to basic telephone service," said Kevin Hess, Senior Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs for TDS Telecom. "Phone service is not only a convenience, but a necessity. It's a link to emergency services, the way we look for jobs, and the way we stay in touch with family and friends," added Hess.

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Lifeline program provides discounts on monthly service for qualified telephone subscribers. Depending on the state, customers could see a discount of \$10.00 or more per month. The Link Up program offers reduced charges for telephone installation and additional discounts for the monthly service.

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“The importance of having a telephone cannot be overlooked,” said Hess. “People without telephones can easily become isolated from basic communications, especially in rural communities.”

The National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA) reports that the ratio of households using the Lifeline subsidy to the number of households at or below the poverty level is about 1 to 7. With efforts by lawmakers in Washington D.C. and with the support of telecommunication companies like TDS Telecom, that number will hopefully improve.

You can find out more information about these programs by writing to the FCC at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. You can also call 1-888-CALL-FCC or log on to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/getconnected> or www.lifelinesupport.org. There are different requirements in nearly every state to qualify for the Lifeline and Link Up programs. To find out if you qualify, please call your local TDS Telecom office at 1-888-CALL-TDS.

TDS Telecom, a growing national company headquartered in Madison, Wis., brings high-quality, locally based telecommunications services to hundreds of rural and suburban communities across the United States. The company, along with its subsidiary TDS Metrocom, provides service for more than 1.1 million access line equivalents. Visit www.tdstelecom.com for more information.

TDS Telecom is part of the Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. (AMEX: TDS) family of companies. TDS, a FORTUNE 500 company, is a diversified telecommunications corporation founded in 1969. Through its strategic business units, U.S. Cellular (AMEX: USM) and TDS Telecom, TDS operates primarily by providing wireless and local telecommunications service. The company currently employs approximately 11,600 people and serves approximately 6.4 million customers in 36 states.

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ATTACHMENT 8

2006 ICLS CERTIFICATION



June 15, 2007

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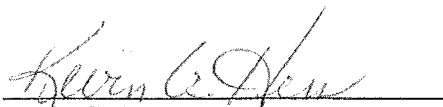
Re.: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Common Line Support – ICLS
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that TDS Telecommunications Corporation (“the company”) will use its Interstate Common Line Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and listed in the attachment.

If you should have any questions, please contact Jeff Johnson at (608) 664-4197.

Signed,



Kevin G. Hess
Sr. Vice President – Government and Regulatory Affairs
TDS Telecommunications Corporation
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Madison, WI 53717

Date: June 14, 2007

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Interstate Common Line Support

TDS Telecom

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| Company Name | State | Study Area Number |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| Amelia Telephone Corp. | VA | 190217 |
| Arcadia Telephone Co. | OH | 300585 |
| Arizona Telephone Co. | AZ | 452171 |
| Arvig Telephone Co. | MN | 361350 |
| Asotin Telephone Co. | OR | 532404 |
| Asotin Telephone Co. | WA | 522404 |
| Badger Telecom, Inc. | WI | 330844 |
| Barnardsville Telephone Co. | NC | 230469 |
| Black Earth Telephone Co. | WI | 330849 |
| Blue Ridge Telephone Co. | GA | 220346 |
| Bonduel Telephone Co. | WI | 330851 |
| Bridgewater Telephone Co. | MN | 361362 |
| Burlington, Brighton & Wheatland Telephone Co. | WI | 330856 |
| Butler Telephone Co., Inc. | AL | 250284 |
| Calhoun City Telephone Co., Inc. | MS | 280448 |
| Camden Telephone & Telegraph Co. | GA | 220351 |
| Camden Telephone & Telegraph Co. | IN | 320744 |
| Central State Telephone Co. | WI | 330859 |
| Chatham Telephone Co. | MI | 310685 |
| Cleveland County Telephone Co. | AR | 401698 |
| Cobbseecontee Telephone Co. | ME | 100005 |
| Comm. Corp. of Indiana | IN | 320776 |
| Comm. Corp. of Michigan | MI | 310672 |
| Comm. Corp. of So. Indiana | IN | 320809 |
| Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc. | TN | 290559 |
| Continental Telephone Co. | OH | 300607 |
| Decatur Telephone Co. | AR | 401699 |
| Delta County Tele-Comm, Inc. | CO | 462184 |
| Deposit Telephone Company, Inc. | NY | 150089 |
| Dickeyville Telephone Co. | WI | 330875 |
| Eastcoast Telecom, Inc. | WI | 330914 |
| Edwards Telephone Co., Inc. | NY | 150092 |
| Farmer's Telephone Co. | WI | 330880 |
| Grantland Telecom, Inc. | WI | 330930 |
| Hampden Telephone Co. | ME | 100010 |
| Happy Valley Telephone Co. | CA | 542321 |
| Hartland & St. Albans Tel. Co. | ME | 100011 |
| Home Telephone Co. | OR | 532377 |
| Home Waldron Telephone Co. | IN | 320778 |
| Home Telephone of Pittsboro, Inc. | IN | 320777 |
| Hornitos Telephone Co. | CA | 542322 |
| Humphreys County Telephone Co. | TN | 290566 |
| Island Telephone Co. | MI | 310677 |

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| Company Name | State | Study Area Number |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Kearsarge Telephone Co. | NH | 120045 |
| KMP | MN | 361413 |
| Leslie County Telephone Co. | KY | 260411 |
| Lewis River Telephone Co. | WA | 522427 |
| Lewisport Telephone Co. | KY | 260412 |
| Little Miami Comm. Corp. | OH | 300613 |
| Ludlow Telephone Co. | VT | 140058 |
| Mahanoy & Mahantango Tel. Co | PA | 170183 |
| McClellanville Telephone Co. | SC | 240533 |
| McDaniel Telephone Co. | WA | 522430 |
| MCTA | NH | 123321 |
| Merchants & Farmers | IN | 320788 |
| Merrimack County Telephone Co. | NH | 120047 |
| Mid-America Telephone Co. | OK | 432010 |
| MidPlains Telephone Co. | WI | 330881 |
| Mid-State Telephone Co. | MN | 361433 |
| Midway Telephone Co. | WI | 330909 |
| Mt. Vernon Telephone Co. | WI | 330917 |
| Myrtle Telephone Co. | MS | 287449 |
| Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone | GA | 220375 |
| New Castle Telephone Co. | VA | 193029 |
| New London Telephone Co. | MO | 421928 |
| Northfield Telephone Co. | VT | 140061 |
| Norway Telephone Co. | SC | 240535 |
| Oakman Telephone Co., Inc. | AL | 250311 |
| Oakwood Telephone Co. | OH | 300645 |
| Oklahoma Comm. Systems, Inc. | OK | 431984 |
| Orchard Farm Telephone Co. | MO | 421934 |
| Oriskany Falls Telephone Corp. | NY | 150114 |
| Peoples Telephone Co. | AL | 250314 |
| Perkinsville Telephone Co., Inc. | VT | 140062 |
| Port Byron Telephone Co. | NY | 150118 |
| Potlatch Telephone Co. | ID | 472230 |
| Quincy Telephone Co. | FL | 210338 |
| Quincy Telephone Co. | GA | 220338 |
| Riverside Telecom, Inc. | WI | 330943 |
| S & W Telephone Co. | IN | 320816 |
| Salem Telephone Co. | KY | 260417 |
| Saluda Mountain Tel. Co. | NC | 230498 |
| Scandinavia Telephone Co. | WI | 330945 |
| Service Telephone Co., Inc. | NC | 230500 |
| Shiawassee Telephone Co. | MI | 310726 |
| Somerset Telephone Co. | ME | 100024 |
| Southeast Miss. Tel. Co. | MS | 283301 |
| Southeast Wisconsin Tel. Co. | WI | 330952 |
| Southwestern Telephone Co. | AZ | 452174 |
| St. Stephen Telephone Co. | SC | 240544 |
| Stockbridge & Sherwood Tel. Co. | WI | 330954 |
| Stoutland Telephone Co. | MO | 421951 |

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| Company Name | State | Study Area Number |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Strasburg Telephone Co. | CO | 462207 |
| Sugar Valley Telephone Co. | PA | 170206 |
| Tellico Telephone Co. | TN | 290578 |
| Tennessee Telephone Co. | TN | 290575 |
| Tenney Telephone Co. | WI | 330958 |
| The Island Telephone Co. | ME | 100007 |
| Tipton Telephone Company | IN | 320829 |
| Township Telephone Co. | NY | 150129 |
| Tri-County Telephone Co. | IN | 320830 |
| UTELCO, Inc. | WI | 330963 |
| Vanlue Telephone Co. | OH | 300662 |
| Vernon Telephone Co. | NY | 150133 |
| Virginia Telephone Co. | VA | 190253 |
| Warren Telephone Co. | ME | 100031 |
| Waunakee Telephone Co. | WI | 330968 |
| West Penobscot Tel. & Tele. Co. | ME | 100034 |
| Williston Telephone Co. | SC | 240551 |
| Wilton Telephone Co. | NH | 120050 |
| Winsted Telephone Co. | MN | 361507 |
| Winterhaven Telephone Co. | CA | 542323 |
| Wolverine Telephone Co. | MI | 310738 |
| Wyandotte Telephone Co. | OK | 432034 |



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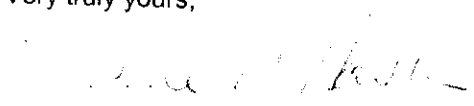
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Attn: Filing Center
550 Capitol St. NE #215
Salem, OR 97308-2148

RE: Docket No. UM 1310 - 2007 Annual ETC Recertification Reports

Enclosed is one original and two hard copies of TDS Telecom's 2007 Annual ETC recertification reports to be included in docket number UM 1310 as per the 2007 filing instructions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 608-664-4144.

Very truly yours,


Kristine M. Haskin
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Enclosure

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