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Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, December 18, 2015, Bob DeBroux, Director - Federal Affairs & Public Policy of TDS Telecommunications Corp. (“TDS Telecom”), spoke by telephone with Carol Matthey, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Commission’s Wireline Competition Bureau, about the status of the Commission’s deliberations regarding universal service reform for rate-of-return carriers. In the course of the discussion, Mr. DeBroux made reference to a recent filing by WTA-Advocates for Rural Broadband (“WTA”), in which WTA proposed that under the model-based approach carriers with a statewide density of five or fewer locations per square mile should be required to offer broadband speeds of at least 25 Mbps downstream/3 Mbps upstream to 25% of all fully funded eligible locations in a study area by the end of the ten year period.¹ Mr. DeBroux noted that WTA’s proposal, if adopted, likely would be helpful to broadband deployment by carriers such as TDS Telecom to the extent they operate in sparsely populated regions.

Pursuant to the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced docket. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc: Carol Matthey

¹ See WTA Letter, WC Docket No. 10-90, Dec. 17, 2015.