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Re: Ex Parte Notice
CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1, 99-249, 96-45 /

Dear Ms. Salas:

The purpose of this letter is to report that Kevin Hess of TDS Telecommunications Corporation (TDS Telecom) and I met this morning with Jane Jackson, Chief of the Competitive Pricing Division, and Rich Lerner, Bill Scher, Paula-Ann Cech, Doug Slotten and Rhonda Lien of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau. We discussed TDS Telecom's support for the Multi-Association Group (MAG) plan as the correct plan for regulatory, access, universal service and separations reform for small and midsize rate-of-return-regulated local exchange carriers. TDS Telecom plans to work with the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance, of which it is a member, to avoid conflicts and inconsistencies between any future ITTA legislative initiative and the MAG plan.

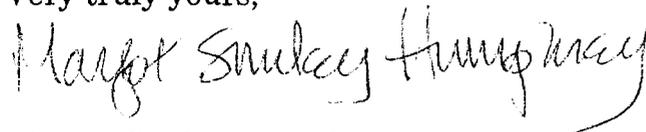
In support of the MAG plan, we emphasized the importance of relief from the Commission's current all-or-nothing Common Line Pooling and incentive regulation election requirements. The current rules needlessly limit all study areas of commonly-owned incumbent local exchange carriers to certain uniform regulatory

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choices, regardless of differences in their markets and circumstances. In contrast, the transition to incentive regulation proposed in the MAG plan would allow TDS Telecom to coordinate the timing and nature of regulatory changes to reflect the varying conditions faced by TDS Telecom's 106 local exchange carriers in 28 states.

In the event of any questions concerning this ex parte presentation, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margot Smiley Humphrey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Margot Smiley Humphrey