

December 20, 2013

Via ECFS

Ms. 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; GN
Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 07-135; WC Docket No. 05-
337; CC Docket No. 01-92; CC Docket No. 96-45; WC Docket
No. 03-109; WT Docket No. 10-208

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 18, 2013, I spoke by telephone with Daniel Alvarez, Legal Advisor to Chairman Tom Wheeler, in connection with the pending Petition for Limited Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 51.917(c) filed by TDS Telecommunications Corp. (“TDS Telecom”) in the above-referenced proceedings.¹ In the course of our discussion, I emphasized that TDS Telecom’s Petition has been pending for nearly 18 months and is ripe for Commission action. I explained the premise and legal arguments for relief, all of which are set forth in the Petition, and that the relief sought by TDS Telecom is consistent with the policy considerations set forth in the Commission’s *USF/ICC Transformation Order*.² I also explained that TDS Telecom is uniquely positioned for relief because of the steps it has taken before the bankruptcy court,³ state regulatory authorities, and the Commission; and that TDS Telecom is not aware of any reason why the relief sought cannot be granted on delegated authority by the Commission’s Wireline Competition Bureau.

¹ TDS Telecommunications Corp., Petition for Limited Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 51.917(c), filed August 10, 2012.

² See In re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, et al., *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011).

³ See In re: Halo Wireless, Inc. Case No. 11-42464, Bkrcty, E. D. Tex., filed August 8, 2011.

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Pursuant to the Commission's rules, I am filing a copy of this letter in the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Yaron Dori

cc: Daniel Alvarez