



**TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**502 Deaderick St. 4th Floor**  
**Nashville, Tennessee 37243**

August 19, 2019

TDS Telecom Services Corporation  
ATTN: Mr. Bruce Mottern  
Manager-State Government Affairs  
10025 Investment Dr., Suite 200,  
Knoxville, TN 37932

RE: Amendment to State-issued Certificate of Franchise Authority (Docket No. 11-00125)

Dear Mr. Mottern:

On August 13, 2019, the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC") received your application on behalf of TDS Telecom Services Corporation ("TDS") to issue the fifth amendment to TDS's state-issued certificate of franchise authority pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-301, *et seq.*, also known as the Competitive Cable and Video Services Act (the "CCVSA").

Upon review, it has been determined that the application complies with the statutory requirements of the CCVSA and is therefore complete. Further action will be taken on the application as delineated within the CCVSA. Should you have any questions or concerns in this matter, please contact me at (615) 770-6889 or the address listed above. Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerest Regards,

*John Hutton*

John Hutton  
Telecom/Utilities Consultant  
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C: Via email  
Mr. Dale Grimes  
Docket File



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August 16, 2019

Decatur County  
ATTN: Mayor Mike Creasy  
29 East St.  
Decaturville, TN 38329

RE: **NOTICE** of TPUC Receipt of Application for or Amendment to Certificate of Franchise Authority and  
**OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Creasy:

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Humphreys County  
ATTN: County Executive Jessie Wallace  
102 Thompson St.  
Waverly, TN 38329

RE: **NOTICE** of TPUC Receipt of Application for or Amendment to Certificate of Franchise Authority and  
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City of Lobelville  
ATTN: Mayor Robby J. Moore  
55 South Main St.  
Lobelville, TN 37097

RE: **NOTICE** of TPUC Receipt of Application for or Amendment to Certificate of Franchise Authority and  
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Dear Mayor Moore:

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Perry County  
ATTN: Mayor John Carroll  
121 East Main St.,  
Linden, TN 37096

RE: **NOTICE** of TPUC Receipt of Application for or Amendment to Certificate of Franchise Authority and  
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Dear Mayor Cagle:

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Town of Decaturville  
ATTN: Mayor Jerry Buchanan  
29 East Main St.  
Decaturville, TN 38329

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Dear Mayor Buchanan:

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Town of Linden  
ATTN: Mayor Wes Ward  
216 East Main St.  
Linden, TN 37096

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Dear Mayor Ward:

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City of New Johnsonville  
ATTN: Mayor David Cagle  
323 Long St..  
New Johnsonville, TN 37134

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