



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

March 22, 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 March 13, 2019, the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC") received your application on behalf of TDS Telecom Service Corporation ("TDS") to issue the fourth 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*

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



**TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**Andrew Jackson Building**  
**502 Deaderick Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505**

March 18, 2019

City of Collinwood  
ATTN: Mayor Glenn Brown  
108 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. South  
Collinwood, TN 38450

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

Dear Mayor Brown:

On March 13, 2019, TDS Telecom Service Corporation ("TDS") filed with the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC" or "Department") an amendment to expand its state-issued franchise service area to include your municipality. By this time, you should have already received notice from TDS of its intention to serve your area. You may access this and other related filings on the TPUC's website and look under Dockets, Docket 11-00125. The Department is required to send this notice so that you may act to preserve your Public, Educational and Governmental ("PEG") channels and PEG access support payments under Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309.<sup>1</sup>

If an incumbent cable TV provider currently serves your municipality,<sup>2</sup> and that provider's franchise requires that it provide PEG channels or access payments, then you may be able to receive the same number of PEG channels and equivalent support payments from Comcast. But, in order to claim these benefits, you must provide the TPUC with information about the PEG channels negotiated under your incumbent provider's franchise *within ten (10) days* from the date you received notice from TDS that it intended to provide cable or video service to your municipality, specifically:

- (1) The number of PEG channels that have been activated by the incumbent;
- (2) The number of PEG channels that are authorized to be activated under the incumbent franchise; and,
- (3) The amount of any fee or other payment for PEG access support required under the incumbent franchise.<sup>3</sup>

Please send the above information to:

**Tennessee Public Utility Commission**  
**ATTN: Docket Room (11-00125)**  
**502 Deaderick Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Nashville, TN 37243**

If you have already forwarded this information to the TPUC upon receipt of the notice from the applicant or state-issued franchise service provider in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309(a), please disregard this request. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (615) 770-6889 or at the address listed above. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention in this matter.

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Telecommunications Consultant

<sup>1</sup> See Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-314(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> This means the franchised cable service provider with the most subscribers in your municipality on January 1, 2008, whether or not the local franchise agreement had expired on July 1, 2008 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309(a)(1)).

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