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Mr. Herbert H. Hilliard Chairman Tennessee Public Utility Commission 502 Deaderick Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Nashville, TN 37243

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Re: TDS Telecom – Merging of Tennessee operating companies

Dear Chairman Hilliard,

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Tennessee Public Utility Commission of the merging of the following TDS Telecom companies:

- 1. Tennessee Telephone Company will merge into Tellico Telephone Company.
- 2. Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc will merge into Humphreys County Telephone Company.

All TDS Telecom companies operate under Market Regulation.

The requirements of Title 65 – Public Utilities and Carriers Chapter 4 – Regulation of Public Utilities by Commission, Part 1 – General Provisions Section 65-4-112 (Utilities Leasing, Merging, or Consolidating Property) do not apply to the TDS Telecom companies.

The merging of the companies is effective on January 1, 2024

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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