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To: Ectory Lawless, Docket Room Manager

From: Jerry Kettles, Director, Economic Analysis *JK*

RE: Docket No: 23-00074 – TDS Telecom Notification of Merging Tennessee Operating Companies

The agency received a letter on October 9, 2023 that was assigned to TPUC Docket 23-00074. The letter describes the merger of TDS Telecom Companies. Tennessee Telephone Company will merge into Tellico Telephone Company. Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc. will merge into Humphreys County Telephone Company.

All of the TDS companies involved in the merger transactions have elected Market Regulation. Tennessee Telephone Company elected market regulation in a letter filed on February 3, 2014 that was assigned to TPUC docket number 14-00010. Humphreys County Telephone Company elected market regulation in a letter filed on February 3, 2014 that was assigned to TPUC docket number 14-00011. Tellico Telephone Company elected market regulation in a letter filed on February 3, 2014 that was assigned to TPUC docket number 14-00012. Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc. elected market regulation in a letter filed on February 3, 2014 that was assigned to TPUC docket number 14-00013. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(n) provides a description of the regulatory requirements that apply to companies that elect Market Regulation. The transaction, as described, is governed by T.C.A. 65-4-112 which is not a regulatory requirement that apply to companies that have elected Market Regulation. As such, the transaction described in the correspondence dated October 9, 2023 does not require approval. As no action is required by the agency, please close the above referenced docket.