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Via IBFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Attn: International Bureau

Re: Notification of Pro Forma Assignment of License of Chorus

Networks, LLC, FCC File No. ITC-214-20040324-00122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

TDS Metrocom, LLC ("TDS") by its undersigned counsel, hereby notifies the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") of the *pro forma* assignment of license of Chorus Networks, LLC ("Chorus") as described below.¹

Description of the Parties

TDS Metrocom, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TDS Telecommunications Corporation ("TDS Telecom"), a Delaware corporation. TDS has its principal office located at 525 Junction Road, Suite 7000, Madison, WI 53717.

Chorus Networks, LLC was a Delaware limited liability company with its principal office prior to the merger located at 8501 Excelsior Dr., Madison, WI. As a result of the transaction, Chorus was merged into TDS and no longer exists as a separate corporate entity.

TDS belongs to the Telephone and Data Systems family of telecommunications companies that provide competitive telecommunications services in key rural and suburban markets throughout the United States. Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, is a Chicago-based telecommunications corporation founded in 1969 with established local wireline and wireless businesses and rapidly growing

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¹ Chorus Networks, LLC was merged into TDS Metrocom, LLC in a February 1, 2007 transaction. However, a *pro forma* notification of the transaction was not provided to the Commission.

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competitive local phone service operations. Through its strategic business units and business unit divisions, TDS Telecom and United States Cellular Corporation, Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. provides telecommunications service to customers in rural and suburban markets around the country. The company employs more than 11,000 people and serves more than six million local telephone and wireless customers in 35 states.

Designated Contacts

Questions or any correspondence, or other materials pertaining to this filing should be directed to the following:

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Description of the Pro Forma Assignment of License

By this filing, TDS notifies the Commission of a series of previously executed corporate transactions which resulted in the *pro forma* assignment of Chorus' Section 214 authorization to TDS. Specifically, on February 1, 2004, HBC Telecom, Inc. ("HBC"), a Minnesota corporation, merged into Chorus Networks, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, with Chorus Networks, Inc. being the surviving corporate entity. On March 1, 2004, Chorus Networks, Inc. merged into Chorus Networks, LLC, a Delaware corporation, with Chorus Networks, LLC being the surviving corporate entity. Finally, on February 1, 2007, Chorus Networks, LLC merged into TDS with TDS being the surviving corporate entity. As a result of these series of mergers, TDS is the successor-in-interest of Chorus and holds Chorus' Section 214 authorization.

Upon a recent internal review conducted in the context of the recent filing for the HBC Telecom, Inc. and Hiawatha Broadband Communications, Inc. transaction, FCC File No.

² The Commission recently approved the previous assignment of HBC's business assets to Hiawatha Broadband Communications, Inc. in FCC File No. ITC-ASG-20071113-00462.

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ITC-ASG-20071113-00462, it was discovered that TDS and Chorus inadvertently failed to notify the Commission within 30 days after these series of mergers occurred. TDS is now filing this notification pursuant to the Commission's staff request and in order to update the Commission's records. Since these transactions were all *pro forma* in nature, TDS respectfully submits that there was no harm to competition in any relevant market, and as noted below, they yielded tangible public benefits.

Public Interest Statement

The *pro forma* assignment of license served the public interest because this transaction enabled TDS to streamline its operations and thereby provide better services to consumers. In addition, the series of mergers were transparent to consumers, who continue to benefit from the continued availability of TDS' high quality and competitively priced telecommunications services.

Moreover, the transaction described above also served the public interest because it enhanced the ability of TDS to provide high quality telecommunications services in its service areas which invigorated competition and thereby benefited consumers of interstate and international telecommunications services. Customers of TDS have continued to receive high quality telecommunications services and customer care. Furthermore, the transaction was accomplished in a seamless manner.

Information Required by Section 63.24(f)(2)

As required by Section 63.24(f)(2), the Parties provide the following information required by 63.18(a) to (d) and (h) with respect to the transferee:

(a) Name, address and telephone number of assignee:

TDS Metrocom, LLC 525 Junction Road, Suite 7000 Madison, WI 53717 Tel: (608) 664-4117

- (b) TDS Metrocom, LLC is a Delaware corporation.
- (c) Correspondence concerning this filing should be sent to the contacts listed above.
- (d) TDS holds the following Section 214 authorizations:

TDS Metrocom, LLC is authorized to provide interstate service by virtue of blanket domestic Section 214 authority. 47 C.F.R. § 64.01. TDS also holds international Section 214 authority to provide global or limited global facilities-based service and global or limited global resale service granted in FCC File No. ITC-214-19980210-00094, and pursuant to

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Chorus' previous Section 214 authorization, FCC File No. ITC-214-19940324-00122.

(h) Please see Attachment A for the post-transaction ownership of TDS.

TDS certifies that the assignment of license was *pro forma* and did not result in a change in the actual controlling party, and respectfully requests that the Commission accept this notification and update its records accordingly.

This notice is being filed electronically via MyIBFS. Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy F. Tanner Scott D. Woods

Counsel for TDS Metrocom, LLC

Attachment

ATTACHMENT 1

Answer to Question 10:

Please see response in attached cover letter.

Answer to Question 11: The following entities hold, directly or indirectly, a 10% or greater interest¹ in TDS Metrocom, LLC as calculated pursuant to the Commission ownership attribution rules for wireline and international telecommunications carriers:

The following entity currently holds a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in **TDS Metrocom, LLC:**

Name:

TDS Telecommunications Corporation

Address:

525 Junction Road, Suite 7000

Madison, WI 53717

Citizenship:

U.S.

Principal Business:

Telecommunications Services

% Interest:

100% (directly each of in the Parties)

2) The following entity holds a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in <u>TDS</u> <u>Telecommunications Corporation</u>:

Name:

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Address:

30 N. LaSalle Street Chicago, IL 60602

Citizenship:

U.S.

Principal Business:

Telephone and Data Systems. Inc., is principally engaged in the business of acquiring and operating, as a holding company, telephone, wireless, and other communications

companies in the telecommunications industry.

% Interest:

100%

The following entity holds a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in <u>Telephone</u> and <u>Data Systems</u>, <u>Inc.</u>:

No other person or entity, directly or indirectly, owns or control a 10% or more interest in Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. The complete ownership information

Unless otherwise indicated, the ownership interests provided herein represent both equity and voting interests.

for TDS is contained in the FCC Form 602 Ownership Disclosure Information filing made with the Commission on February 22, 2007.

Answer to Question 13: Please see attached cover letter for description of merger transactions at issue.

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VERIFICATION

I, Peter M. Healy, state that I am the Regulatory and Legal Counsel of TDS Metrocom, LLC; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of TDS Metrocom, LLC; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the responses are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Peter M. Healy

Regulatory and Legal Counsel

TDS Metrocom, LLC

Sworn and subscribed before me this 25^{12} day of February 2008.

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My commission expires 5/8/2011