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OMB 3060-0866**

Response on behalf of TDS TELECOM

Company Information

What is the size of your company? How many access lines do you service?

TDS TELECOM is a Local Telephone Carrier currently serving 547,400 access lines

What states do you service? If you provide national service, or international service, please so indicate.

TDS TELECOM currently operates in the following 28 states:

Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine,
Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio,
Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington,
Wisconsin

What is your total Information Technology (IT) budget and your total IT budget devoted to Y2K?

Direct Information Technology (IT) outlays relating to Y2K make up the following percentage of the total IT Budget:

- 1997: Direct Y2K outlays are budgeted to be approximately 4% of the total 1997 IT Budget
- 1998: Direct Y2K outlays are budgeted to be approximately 5% of the total 1998 IT Budget
- 1999: Direct Y2K outlays are budgeted to be approximately 4% of the total 1999 IT Budget
- 2000: TDS TELECOM has not yet estimated Direct Y2K outlays for the 2000 IT Budget

NOTE: the budget for IT and any portion allocated therein to the Y2K issue does not give a complete picture of the monetary support which the company has provided to address the Y2K issue, as the Y2K issues impacts both directly and indirectly on many areas of the company's budget. This is especially true given that the activities which are funded through the company's IT budget may not be identical to the activities funded through other telephone companies' IT budget, or what the FCC intended when it referred to an IT budget. At this point in time, although the company is tracking what activities are related to the Y2K issue, the company has not undertaken the effort to compile all of the various costs associated with the Y2K issue to date, as the company's Y2K focus is currently on the successful resolution of any Y2K issues.

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Organization

Who is in charge of your organization's Year 2000 readiness efforts? If appropriate, include responses for your international lines of business specifically. To whom does this person report (please include title)? Please describe how your effort is organized. How many people are involved?

Y2K Effort Leader: William Grabel,
Title: Sr. Vice President, Administration and Human Resources

Phone: 608-664-4280
Email: William.Grabel@TDSTELECOM.COM

Reports to: James Barr
Title: President & CEO

Number of People involved in Y2K Effort: TDS TELECOM has approximately 40 people involved in the Y2K effort
on a part-time basis or more.

4b. Description of how Y2K effort is organized:

A company - wide Year 2000 program office with senior executive level sponsorship has been established to coordinate the Year 2000 efforts, as well as, monitor the efforts of the business units in an effort to promote uniformity of approach and completeness of testing and compliance efforts. In addition, each of the business units have appointed senior officers responsible for Year 2000 compliance, and in some cases, have formed steering committees to oversee the process. Each business unit also has assigned individuals to work in the various areas of Year 2000 compliance.

Has your organization adopted an industry developed definition for Year 2000 compliance? If so, please indicate which standard. If appropriate, identify both domestic and international standards.

Other - The company is attempting to achieve Year 2000 processing capability as defined by the Year 2000 Information and Readiness Disclosure Act of 1998.

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Have you implemented a formal process for managing your Y2K remediation efforts? If so, please fill out the metric found in Attachment 1. Only those companies whose remediation plans include a roll-out phase should fill out the roll-out section of the metric.

TDS TELECOM has implemented a formal process for managing its Y2K remediation efforts. See Attachment 1 for estimate dates and percentages.

NOTE: The nature of the Y2K issue precludes a firm response as to completion in any one stage as all later stages could potentially affect the completion of earlier stages. For example, if in the testing phase a previously assessed system is found to have a problem, that system, and potentially any similar systems, would have to once again be assessed, and remediation for that system would have to occur again. In addition, the testing of a switched network presents some potential difficulties which are being addressed by the industry as a whole. Finally, all of these dates are estimates which are subject to change as new information arises and none of the estimated dates should be considered a guarantee of any kind whatsoever that any phase, or any portion of any phase, will be completed by the estimated date given.

External Relation

Do you maintain an up-to-date web site to disperse information regarding your Year 2000 remediation efforts? If so, please provide the web address for this site.

Yes URL: [Http://TDSTELECOM.COM](http://TDSTELECOM.COM)

Are there other carriers, vendors, foreign carriers and foreign governments with whom you are involved that are not adequately addressing the Year 2000 problem? If appropriate, please identify them and describe the nature of your concerns. Please use additional space if necessary.

TDS TELECOM is aware that, regardless of the effort the company puts into solving the Y2K issue, Y2K related failure by a carrier or vendor with whom the company is involved may affect the company's activities. Accordingly, TDS TELECOM has requested information from carriers and vendors regarding their Year 2000 readiness. This effort is ongoing, and TDS TELECOM continues to seek information from those carriers and vendors who have not yet responded.

8b. If so, how will this impact your operations?

See Response to Question 8.

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Are you working with local, regional, or national organizations, and/or international/intergovernmental organizations to share information about or conduct testing regarding the Year 2000 problem, including those organizations that are concerned with public safety? If appropriate, please indicate the name of the group and a contact person or a web site address.

TDS TELECOM is actively working with a number of state telephone associations and state/federal regulatory bodies to share Y2K information. In addition, TDS TELECOM is working with the TELCO Forum to obtain interoperability testing results.

10a) Please characterize the level of cooperation you have experience, on average, with your vendors (supply chain) and customers.

Moderately satisfactory

If unsatisfactory, please explain steps that you have taken to compensate.

10b) Have you begun to work with your supply chain (your suppliers) on Year 2000 problems? If so, what is the status of your interactions? If not, when will you begin this effort?

TDS TELECOM has been engaged in communications with suppliers regarding Y2K processing capability of products received from those suppliers. This process is on-going.

Are you lacking specific information or resources that are slowing you toward addressing the Year 2000 problem? Please check only those that apply.

At this point in time, TDS TELECOM is not immediately aware of any information, personnel resources, or monetary resources which the company lacks in order to address the Y2K problem. However, this does not preclude the possibility that such difficulties may arise during the course of addressing the Y2K issue. As any resources become inadequate, TDS TELECOM shall make any and all good faith efforts necessary to acquire any such necessary resources in order to fully address the Y2K issue.

11b. If you listed a resource problem, please explain the nature of the resource problem.

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Have you begun or do you plan to conduct joint testing with your customers and vendors? If so, what is your time frame for such testing?

The nature of testing a switched network raises a number of serious difficulties which must be addressed prior to any actual tests to the switched network. TDS TELECOM is aware of industry groups currently working to develop protocols for such testing, and once industry protocols have been established, TDS TELECOM shall make good faith efforts to comply with testing requirements of the network, so long as such testing would not pose an undue risk to the company's customers. With regard to the testing of other equipment, the company is planning on testing any such equipment after it has completed the appropriate assessment and remediation stages for such equipment.

Contingency Planning

13a. Have you begun contingency planning, in the event that some of your systems have problems from the Year 2000 transition? If so, please fill out Attachment 2 and please indicate contact information for the person responsible for this effort. If not, when do you plan to begin?

At this time, TDS TELECOM has not yet begun to develop additional contingency plans devoted exclusively to the Y2K issue, as TDS TELECOM is focusing its efforts primarily on the successful resolution of the Y2K issues within the company to ensure that there is no need for additional contingency plans. As more of the immediate y2K concerns are completely addressed, TDS TELECOM shall be able to allocate additional effort to the development of contingency plans specifically regarding the Y2K issue.

13b. If so, please describe, in general terms, the approach you have taken to mitigate domestic and foreign risks.

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Supplemental

Are there any unique problems or circumstances that you have encountered? If so, please describe and indicate whether or not we can make this information available to others.

TDS TELECOM does not believe it has encountered any unique problems or circumstances during its Y2K efforts.

If you have any standard briefing materials, papers or presentations on your Year 2000 efforts, please feel free to attach them.

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Year 2000 Status

	Inventory		Assessment		Remediation		Unit Testing	
	% Complete	Est. Comp Date	% Complete	Est Comp Date	% Complete	Est Comp Date	% Complete	Est Comp Date
Network Elements	100%	01/31/99	100%	03/30/99	80%	09/30/99	60%	10/30/99
Support Systems	100%	01/31/99	100%	03/30/99	90%	06/30/99	90%	09/30/99
Auxiliary Systems	100%	01/31/99	100%	03/30/99	90%	06/30/99	60%	09/30/99

	Integration and System Test		Rollout	
	% Complete	Est. Comp Date	% Complete	Est Comp Date

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Network Elements	60%	10/30/99	60%	10/30/99
Support Systems	80%	09/30/99	80%	09/30/99
Auxiliary Systems	60%	09/30/99	60%	09/30/99

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ATTACHMENT II

The TDS TELECOM response covers the following operating entities:

Operating Company	Location
Amelia Telephone Corporation	Amelia, VA
Arcadia Telephone Company	Arcadia, OH
Arizona Telephone Company	Phoenix, AZ
Arvig Telephone Company	Pequot Lakes, MN
Asotin Telephone Company	Asotin, WA
Badger Telecom, Inc.	Neillsville, WI
Barnardsville Telephone Company	Barnardsville, NC
Black Earth Telephone Company	Black Earth, WI
Blue Ridge Telephone Company	Blue Ridge, GA
Bonduel Telephone Company	Bonduel, WI
Bridge Water Telephone Company	Monticello, MN
Burlington, Brighton & Wheatland Telephone Company	New Munster, WI
Butler Telephone Company, Inc.	Butler, AL
Calhoun City Telephone Company, Inc.	Calhoun City, MS
Camden Telephone and Telegraph Company	St. Marys, GA
Camden Telephone Company	Camden, IN
Central State Telephone Company	Vesper, WI
Chatham Telephone Company	Chatham, MI
Chichester Telephone Company	Chichester, NH
Cleveland County Telephone Company, Inc.	Rison, AR
Communications Corporation of Indiana	Roachdale, IN
Communications Corporation of Michigan	Augusta, MI
Communications Corporation of Southern Indiana	Poseyville, IN
Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc.	Knoxville, TN
Continental Telephone Company	Continental, OH
Danube Telephone Company	Danube, MN
Decatur Telephone Company	Decatur, AR
Delta County Telecom, Inc.	Paonia, CO
Deposit Telephone Company, Inc.	Deposit, NY

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Eastcoast Telecom, Inc.	Cleveland, WI
Edwards Telephone Company, Inc.	Edwards, NY
Goshen Telephone Company	Goshen, AL
Grantland Telecom, Inc	Fennimore, WI
Grove Hill Telephone Corporation	Grove Hill, AL
Hampden Telephone Company	Hampden, ME
Happy Valley Telephone Company	Anderson, CA
Hartland & St. Albans Telephone Company	Hartland, ME
Home Telephone Company	Condon, OR
Home Telephone Company of Pittsboro, Inc.	Pittsboro, IN
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	Waldron, IN
Hornitos Telephone Company	Anderson, CA
Humphreys County Telephone Company	New Johnsonville, TN
Kearsarge Telephone Company	New London, NH
Island Telephone	MI
Leslie County telephone Company	Hyden, KY
Lewis River telephone Company	LaCenter, WA
Lewisport Telephone Company, Inc.	Lewisport, KY
Little Miami Communications Corporation	Fayetteville, OH
Ludlow Telephone Company	Ludlow, VT
Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company	Herndon, PA
McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc.	McClellanville, SC
McDaniel Telephone Company	Salkum, WA
Meriden Telephone Company, Inc.	Meriden, NH
Mid America Telephone Company	Stonewall, OK
Mid State Telephone Company	New London, MN
Midway Telephone Company	Medford, WI
Mt Vernon Telephone Company	Verona, WI
Myrtle Telephone Company	Myrtle, MS
Nelson-Ball ground Telephone	Nelson, GA
New Castle Telephone Company	New Castle, VA
New London Telephone Company	New London, MO
Northfield Telephone Company	Northfield, VT
Norway Telephone Company	Norway, SC
Oakman Telephone Company, Inc.	Oakman, AL
Oakwood Telephone Company	Oakwood, OH
Oklahoma Communication Systems, Inc.	Choctaw, OK

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Oriskany Falls Telephone Corporation	Oriskany Falls, NY
Peoples Telephone Company	Leesburg, AL
Perkinsville Telephone Company	Perkinsville, VT
Port Byron Telephone Company	Port Byron, NY
Potlatch Telephone Company	Kendrick, ID
Quincy Telephone Company	Quincy, FL
Riverside Telecom, Inc.	Johnson Creek, WI
Salem Telephone Company, Inc.	Salem, KY
Saluda Mountain Telephone Company	Saluda, NC
Scandinavia Telephone Company	Iola, WI
Service Telephone Company, Inc.	Fair Bluff, NC
Shiawassee Telephone Company	Perry, MI
Somerset Telephone Company	North Anson, ME
Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company	Leakesville, MS
Southwestern Telephone Company	Salome, AZ
St Stephen Telephone Company	St. Stephen, SC
Stockbridge & Sherwood Telephone Company	Sherwood, WI
Stoutland Telephone Company	Stoutland, MO
Strasburg Telephone Company	Strasburg, CO
Sugar Valley Telephone Company	Loganton, PA
Tellico Telephone Company	Tellico Plains, TN
Tennessee Telephone Company	Knoxville, TN
Tenney Telephone Company	Alma, WI
The Island Telephone Company	Warren, ME
Tipton Telephone Company	Tipton, IN
Troy Telephone Company, Inc.	Kendrick, ID
Township Telephone Company	NY
Tri-County Telephone	IN
UTELCO Telephone	Monroe, WI
Vanlue Telephone company	Vanlue, OH
Vernon Telephone Company	Vernon, NY
Virginia Telephone Company	Hot Springs, VA
Warren Telephone Company	Warren, ME
Waunakee Telephone Company	Waunakee, WI
West Penobscot Telephone & Telegraph Company	Corinna, ME
Williston Telephone Company	Williston, SC

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Winterhaven Telephone Company	Anderson, CA
Wolverine Telephone Company	Millington, MI
Wyandotte Telephone Company	OK

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