



August 12, 2005

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UT-053030

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pursuant to the requirements contained in the Commission's Order entered in Docket No. UT-013047, Lewis River Telephone Company, McDaniel Telephone Company and Asotin Telephone Company hereby submits the Affidavit concerning the offering of services and the use of funds under 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

The purpose of this filing is to allow the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to certify to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that Lewis River Telephone Company, McDaniel Telephone Company and Asotin Telephone Company qualifies for continued receipt of federal support during 2006.

Copies of newspaper advertisements concerning the availability of supported services and Lifeline and Link Up are attached. In addition, each of the above mentioned companies provides information in the telephone directories regarding the availability of lifeline.

If there are any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Kristine M. Haskin
Manager, Federal Affairs

Enclosure

cc: Betty Erdahl (WUTC Staff)

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNT ON LOCAL PHONE SERVICE

There are two telephone assistance programs available in Washington to help low income consumers receive and maintain local phone service. The Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP) consists of Lifeline Assistance and Lifeline Connection Assistance (Link-Up).

These government programs were developed to reduce phone rates for qualified low income residential customers. Lifeline Assistance credits will reduce your monthly local service charges. Link-Up credits will reduce connection charges on the installation of a single access line for the primary residence.

Residential customers receiving continuing financial or medical assistance from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and providing proof of eligibility qualify for WTAP. Eligible programs include but are not limited to:

- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- Food Stamps
- General Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medical Assistance
- Refugee Assistance
- DSHS Chore Services
- Community Options Program (COPES)

If you would like more information or to apply for telephone assistance, call TDS Telecom toll free at **1-888-837-7048**.

**AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS**

I, Kevin G. Hess, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath state that I am Vice-President, Federal Affairs [an officer] of TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Asotin Telephone Company ("Company"), that I am authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of the Company, and that the facts set forth in this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I hereby certify to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission"), for use by the Commission in providing the certification to the Federal Communications Commission and Universal Service Administrative Company required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, as follows:

(1) that during the calendar year 2004, the Company provided the supported services required by 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and as described in the Commission Order granting the Company Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") status;

(2) that during the 2004 calendar year, the Company advertised the availability of supported services and the charges for them as required by 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and as described in the Commission Order granting the Company ETC status;

(3) that the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support from the sources described in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314;

(4) that funds from the sources described in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 received by the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;

(5) that the amount of federal high-cost universal service fund support received by the Company for calendar year 2004 was \$297,371; and

(6) the loop counts on which federal high-cost universal service support received by the Company for the calendar year 2004 was based were as follows: for the first quarter of calendar year 2004, 1427; for the second quarter of calendar year 2004, 1427; for the third quarter of calendar year 2004, 1427; and for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2004, 1427.

DATED this 9th day of August, 2005.

Kevin G. Hess

By: Kevin G. Hess

Its: Vice-President, Federal Affairs

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10th day of August, 2005.

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Notary Public in and for the
State of Wisconsin

My commission expires: June 10,
2007.