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Beth A. O'Donnell, Executive Director
Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RE: May 30, 2006 Request for Commission Mediation Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section
252(a)(2)

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Case No. 2006-00715

TDS Telecommunications Corporation, on behalf of its Kentucky operating subsidiaries Leslie County Telephone Company, Lewisport Telephone Company and Salem Telephone Company (collectively "TDS Telecom") offers the following in response to the above referenced request by the CMRS Providers¹ in Case No. 2003-00045.

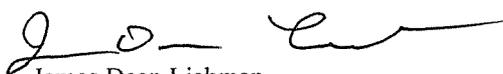
TDS Telecom agrees with the CMRS Providers' statement that independent negotiations are currently on-going and concurs that a ninety (90) day extension of the current arbitration window would be beneficial to those continued discussions without prejudicing the rights of any of the Parties.

However, TDS Telecom does not agree that collective mediation is needed or desirable at this time. TDS Telecom has experience with both collective and individual negotiations and has found, even when issues are similar, their relative priorities among the various parties differ. Collective negotiation tends to restrict parties' ability to reach negotiated agreements.

TDS Telecom recommends that independent negotiation should be allowed to continue until such time as any two Parties reach an impasse at which time either Party can petition for Commission arbitration pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b).

Sincerely,

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