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Liebman and Liebman  
Attention: James D. Liebman  
403 West Main Street  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: TDS Telecommunications Corporation ("TDS")  
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 6/4/12  
PSC Reference – Case No. 2010-00398

Dear Mr. Liebman:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on June 4, 2012 on behalf of Leslie County Telephone Company, Lewisport Telephone Company, and Salem Telephone Company (collectively "TDS") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in their switched access revenue and demand data filed pursuant to Commission Order dated May 30, 2012. The information is described as access billing units and revenues.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to TDS's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Leslie County Telephone Company, Lewisport Telephone Company, and Salem Telephone Company (collectively "TDS") are required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record