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Ms. Beth Salak, Director  
Office of the Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Re: **Request for Confidential Treatment – Federal ETC Filing § 54.313 and § 54.422  
Docket No. 170135-TP – 2017 State Certification**

Dear Ms. Salak:

This letter is to request that the Florida Public Service Commission notify the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that Quincy Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom/Quincy Telephone (“Quincy”) is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in accordance with the above-referenced statute and federal rule. A signed and notarized affidavit attesting to the use of funds is enclosed.

Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETCs”) who receive federal high cost or low income support are required to file annual reports (“Annual ETC Reports”) pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422 with the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”), the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”), and the relevant state commissions or Tribal governments, as appropriate. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(i); § 54.422(c). The Annual ETC Reports are required to be filed on FCC Form 481, with attached materials.

In fulfillment of this requirement, Quincy Telephone Company (“Company”) has also enclosed a public and redacted paper and electronic copy of its FCC Form 481, along with the Request for Confidential Treatment letter dated June 21, 2017 to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations cited in the FCC letter and Rule 25-22.006(5)(a), F.A.C., and Section 364.183(1), F.S., Company requests that outage reporting information including the location, cause, duration of an outage; efforts taken to prevent future outages (Form 481 Line 200); information regarding unfulfilled service requests (Form 481 Lines 300 and 310); and consumer complaint information (Form 481 Lines 400, 410) as outlined in the FCC letter be treated as confidential information and not subject to public inspection. The information in question is competitively sensitive information which is not normally released to the public.

Company respectfully requests that the Florida Public Service Commission afford this information the same confidential treatment that has been sought from the FCC as public disclosure would cause significant commercial and competitive harm to the Company.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions concerning the Company's request for confidentiality.

Sincerely,



Amber Gaudreau  
Sr Administrator – Regulatory Compliance  
TDS Telecom  
(608)-664-4824

Enclosures

c.c. Beth Salak  
Tom McCabe (TDS Telecom)

**AFFIDAVIT**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Kevin G. Hess who deposed and said:

My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, the parent company of Quincy Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom/Quincy ("TDS" or the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

TDS hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the upcoming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Kevin G. Hess  
Executive Vice President  
TDS Telecom

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF DANE

Acknowledged before me this 26 day of June, 2017, by Kevin G. Hess, as Executive Vice President of TDS Telecommunications Corporation d/b/a TDS TELECOM/Quincy Telephone, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

  
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Kristin M. Statz – Notary Public  
My Commission expires: May 24, 2019



Personally Known yes  
Produced Identification yes  
Type of Identification Produced license