

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
TDS LONG DISTANCE CORPORATION FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND ) PSC DOCKET NO. 10-186  
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE INTRASTATE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE )  
STATE OF DELAWARE (FILED MAY 25, 2010) )

**ORDER NO. 7802**

**AND NOW**, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010:

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2010, TDS Long Distance Corporation ("TDS"), filed an application (the "Application") with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (a "CPCN") to provide intrastate telecommunications services to the public between and among all points throughout the State of Delaware through resale of similar services offered by other telecommunications carriers. TDS has also filed a proposed tariff setting forth the rates, terms, and conditions for its proposed services; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission Staff has reviewed the Application and has determined that the application satisfies the minimum requirements of the Commission's "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services;" (the Rules")<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission determines that a CPCN should be granted to TDS authorizing it, as a public utility, to offer telecommunications services pursuant to the Rules; and

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<sup>1</sup> See 26 Del. Admin. C. §4001.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, after publication of notice, has not received any protest concerning the proposed granting of such CPCN Applicant;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE  
OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. That pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §§203A and 703(3) and the Commission's "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services," a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to TDS Long Distance Corporation to operate as a public utility and provide intrastate telecommunications services as described in the application filed on May 25, 2010, and as specified in the Tariff TDS Long Distance Corporation has on file with the Commission as the same may, from time to time, be amended. Such Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is effective on the date of this Order.

2. That TDS Long Distance Corporation, shall provide intrastate telecommunications services in the manner required by the Commission's "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services," and shall, at all times, comply with all applicable provisions of such Rules. TDS Long Distance Corporation, shall also file all returns and pay all assessments and fees as may be required by the provisions of 26 *Del. C.* §§114 and 115.

3. That the provisions of 26 *Del. C.* §208(b) are waived, and TDS Long Distance Corporation, is authorized to maintain its books and records relating to its Delaware operations outside of the State of Delaware provided, however, and upon the condition that, all such books and records relating to Delaware operations as the Commission may deem it reasonably necessary from time to time, to review and copy, shall be provided to the Commission at the Commission's Office within the State of

Delaware in a timely manner upon written request by the Commission's Executive Director. The conduct of such a review at a location other than Delaware shall be at the Applicant's expense.

4. That TDS Long Distance Corporation, shall comply with all state and federal statutes and rules relating to a customer's selection of a preferred carrier of telecommunications services. TDS Long Distance Corporation, agrees to pay all fees, assessments, penalties, and allowed damages arising from a violation of such state and federal statutes or rules pertaining to the selection of a preferred carrier.

5. That a violation of the "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services" may result in suspension or revocation of this Certificate.

6. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae  
Chair

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Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow  
Commissioner

/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley  
Secretary