

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

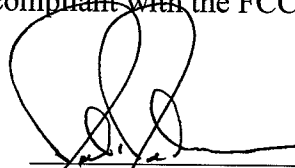
In the Matter of the Tariffs to Reduce Access)
Rates of Local Telecommunications Companies) File No. TT-2012-0317
Pursuant to Federal Communications Commission)
Report and Order FCC 11-161)

State of MO)
) ss
County of CAMDEN)

**AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL E. PEDERSON
ON BEHALF OF STOUTLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY**

- I, Paul E. Pederson being of lawful age and duly sworn, state as follows:
1. I am employed as Manager – State Government Affairs of TDS Telecom. In this capacity either I, or other employees of TDS who report directly to me, were responsible for gathering and reviewing the necessary data from Stoutland Telephone Company in order to make the necessary revisions to its intrastate access tariff to comply with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation Reform Order released November 18, 2011 (USF/ICC Order).
 2. Either I, or other employees of TDS, have prepared the supporting documentation that accompanies the revised access tariff filing of the Company. As a result, I hereby attest that the attached revised access tariffs and supporting documentation of the Company are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that the rates contained in the revised access tariffs are compliant with the FCC USF/ICC Order.

Further affiant sayeth not.




Paul E. Pederson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2ND day of May, 2012.

My Commission expires:

5/24/15



Notary Public