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**RE: Case No. TO-2001-75**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of the Application of TDS )  
Telecommunications Corporation for )  
Approval of an Interconnection )  
Agreement under the Telecommunications )  
Act of 1996. )

Case No. TO-2001-75

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and for its staff recommendation in this matter respectfully states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Commission grant approval of the Interconnection Agreement filed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation (TDS) and Universal Telecom, Inc. (Universal). Staff notes that the Interconnection Agreement is an agreement between Universal and three subsidiaries of TDS including: New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, and The Stoutland Telephone Company.

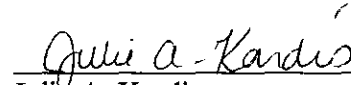
2. The terms of the Interconnection Agreement do not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Interconnection Agreement and do not appear to be against the public interest, convenience, or necessity. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e), the Commission is to approve a negotiated interconnection agreement unless the terms of the agreement discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or implementation of the agreement or any portion thereof is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

WHEREFORE, because the terms set forth in this agreement satisfy the standard set forth in 47 U.S.C. §252(e) in that they do not appear to discriminate against telecommunications

carriers not a party to the Interconnection Agreement and do not appear to be against the public interest, convenience, and necessity, the Staff recommends the Commission grant approval of the Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE  
General Counsel

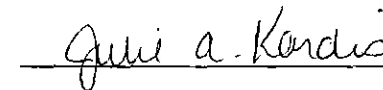


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 12th day of October 2000.



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. TO-2001-75  
Parties: TDS Telecommunications Corp. and Universal Telecom, Inc.

**From:** Lisa Mahaney, <sup>LM</sup> Telecommunications Department

Bill Voight 10-10-00  
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General Counsel Office/Date

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10-12-00

**Subject:** Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

**Date:** October 6, 2000

**Date Filed:** 8/8/00

**Staff Deadline:** 10/16/00

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10-10-00A08:35 RCVD

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted (may check more than one)

- ☒ Resale Agreement
- ☒ Facilities-based Interconnection Agreement
- ☐ Wireless Interconnection Agreement

The Parties submitted the proposed Agreement to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement: 1) does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and 2) does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

Is there an attachment to this recommendation indicating any recommendations or special considerations? ☐ Yes ☒ No

From	Initials	Date	Revised
Lisa Mahaney	LM	10/6/00	
Wm. Voight			
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Mr. Henderson			
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**Interconnection Agreement Review Items**

- ☒ No applications to intervene filed
- ☐ Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement, i.e.,
- ☒ Agreement signed by both Parties

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments

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