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DOCKET NO. T-02063A -12-0472

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
SOUTHWESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY,
AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A
HEARING TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS
OF THE COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF
THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING
PURPOSES, AND TO INCREASE
RESIDENTIAL RATES AS NECESSARY TO
COMPENSATE FOR THE RATE IMPACTS OF
THE FCC'S USF/ICC TRANSFORMATION
ORDER

**NOTICE OF FILING: REVISED
AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE**

1 Southwestern Telephone Company hereby files a Revised Affidavit that notice was
2 provided to customers as required by the January 28, 2013, Procedural Order in the above
3 captioned docket. This revised notice was previously filed in error on March 6, 2013, in Docket
4 No. T-02063A -12-0473.

5 Respectfully submitted on March 25, 2013.

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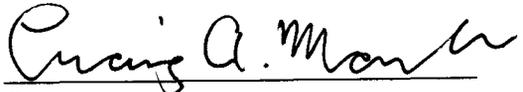
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1 **Original and 13 copies filed**
2 on March 25, 2013, with:

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10 By: 
11 Craig A. Marks

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF KNOX)
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STATE OF TENNESSEE)

1. My name is Jeffrey S. Handley.
2. I am the Manager, State Government Affairs of TDS Telecom – parent company of Southwestern Telephone Company.
3. My business address is 10025 Investment Drive, Knoxville, TN 37932, and my business phone is (865) 671-4750.
4. The January 28, 2013 Procedural Order in the above-captioned case provided a form notice and required the Southwestern Telephone Company to “mail to each of its customers a copy of the above notice no later than February 15, 2013”.
5. The purpose of this affidavit is to document compliance with this requirement of the Procedural order.
6. I caused to be prepared the customer notice required by the Procedural Order. A copy of that notice is attached as Exhibit A.
7. I caused to be prepared a current electronic customer mailing list and provided a copy to TDS Telecom’s Consumer Marketing Operations. On February 13, 2013, TDS Telecom’s Consumer Marketing Operations caused to be mailed a copy of the customer notice to each customer on the mailing list.
8. This completes my affidavit.

Jeffrey S. Handley
Jeffrey S. Handley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of February, 2013.

Amanda K. Moore
NOTARY PUBLIC

COMMISSION EXPIRES:

May 4, 2014



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING ON THE APPLICATION
OF SOUTHWESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION
OF THE CURRENT FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PROPERTY AND FOR AN
INCREASE IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES**

(Docket No. T-01072A-12-0472)

On November 23, 2012, Southwestern Telephone Company ("Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application requesting authority to increase basic local access line rates from \$11.25 to \$14.00 per month. The application also requests that the rates for customers who are currently paying \$9.60 per month be increased to \$14.00 per month.

On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued a comprehensive new Order. Among other things, the FCC's Order establishes that in order for the Company to continue receiving federal support funds, the Company's local residential monthly service rates must be increased to floor rates of at least \$14.00 as of June 1, 2013. Thereafter, the FCC will determine the floor rate annually. If the Company's rates are not increased to the floor rate, the amount of Federal support funds the Company receives will be reduced dollar-for-dollar for each customer by the difference between the existing local rate and the new FCC floor rate.

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of analyzing the application, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding the Company's proposed rates. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence presented by the parties. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company, Staff, or any interveners. Therefore, the final rates approved by the Commission may be higher or lower than the rates requested by the Company.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Application

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available by contacting Jeff Handley at Southwestern Telephone (jeff.handley@tdstelecom.com, 865-671-4750), by visiting the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, for public inspection during regular business hours, and on the Internet via the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function and Docket No. T-01072A-12-0472.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **March 25, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket No. T-01072A-12-0472** to: Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602.542.4251 or 1.800.222.7000.

Interested parties may participate in this matter through (1) filing for intervention and becoming a formal party to the proceeding, or (2) through written or oral public comment. Any interested person may file written public comments regarding the Company's application in **Docket No. T-01072A-12-0472** at any time.

If you do not intervene in this proceeding, you will receive no further notice of the proceedings in this docket. **However, all documents filed in this docket are available online** (usually within 24 hours after docketing) at the Commission's website www.azcc.gov using the e-Docket function, located at the bottom of the website homepage. RSS feeds are also available through e-Docket.

About Intervention

You do not need to intervene if you want to appear at the hearing and provide public comment on the application, or if you want to file written comments in the record of the case.

Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct substantial interest in the matter will be permitted to intervene. The granting of intervention entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. **If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the Commission's Docket Control Center no later than March 8, 2013, and send a copy of the motion to Southwestern Telephone or its counsel and to all parties of record.**

Contact information for the Company and parties of record may be obtained using the Commission's e-Docket Function and Docket No. T-01072A-12-0472. Your motion to intervene must contain the following:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number, and the name, address, and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;
2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of Southwestern Telephone, a shareholder of Southwestern Telephone, etc.); and
3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to Southwestern Telephone's counsel (Craig A. Marks PLC, 10645 N. Tatum Blvd, Ste. 200-676, Phoenix, AZ 85028) and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before March 8, 2013. For a sample intervention request form go to <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/FORMS/interven.pdf>. All parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31 and 38 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law.

If you do intervene, and wish to present direct testimony and associated exhibits at the hearing, you must, on or before March 20, 2013: (1) reduce your direct testimony and

associated exhibits to writing, (2) file the original and 13 copies with the Commission's Docket Control Center by 4:00 p.m., and (3) mail a copy to each party.

Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA")/Equal Access Information

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Shaylin Bernal, E-mail sabernal@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodations.
