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Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
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TML-T-21-01

RE: TDS Metrocom, LLC Telecom Broadband Tax Credit for January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Dear Commission Secretary:

Enclosed for filing is the application of TDS Metrocom, LLC (Metrocom) for a broadband tax credit for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The Company requests that the Commission find the Company eligible to receive an Idaho tax credit and that the broadband equipment installed in the state of Idaho during these years meets the definition of qualified broadband equipment as set forth in Idaho code 63-3029I(3)(b).

1. Name and address of the applicant including a contact person in the event that there are questions regarding the application and its content.

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2. Indicate whether the applicant is a telecommunications carrier, a commercial mobile service carrier, a cable or video provider, a satellite carrier or other type of wireless carrier.

Metrocom is a telecommunications provider.

3. Identify the area or location where the equipment is installed in Idaho.

The equipment is installed in and around the areas of Coeur D'Alene, and Meridian, Idaho.

4. Describe the type of broadband services offered to the public in Idaho.

The Company is building a fiber to the premise network and began to provision service to customers during 2019.

5. State the network transmission rate in bits per second at which subscribers to the relevant broadband services can send and receive.

The Company currently offers products capable of providing up to 1Gbps symmetrical service. See also response to 7 below.

6. Provide the specific list of the equipment types that the application is requesting that the commission determine is "qualified broadband equipment" as defined in Idaho code 63-30291(3)(b). List the brand, manufacturer, model numbers, and or other distinguishing features of the installed equipment.

See attached.

7. Quantify the percentage and number of potential Idaho customers that could be served with the broadband equipment and the percentage and number of non-Idaho subscribers that will be/could be served by the broadband network.

During 2019, the Company invested in fiber to the premise projects in area that was lacking a fiber network previously. This investment brought fiber-based services to 1,106 locations capable of 1Gbps down and 400Mbps up. The total number of locations with access to these speeds and up to 1Gbps symmetrical increased to 8,846 by year end 2020. The overall build is scheduled to go into 2021 and beyond extending to other cities in Idaho. There is no benefit to customers located outside of the State of Idaho.

8. Provide the dates and time periods that the broadband equipment was installed in Idaho.

The equipment was installed in the period between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

9. Provide a written description (including the basic schematics or general drawings) of the relevant broadband network including a description of how the installed equipment is an "integral part" of the broadband network.

The equipment installed per the attached list was all placed into service within the state of Idaho. It is an integral part of a network that permits broadband signaling to occur.

10. Enclose a statement certifying that the applicant has read the applicable statutes for broadband investment income tax credit and the applicant believes that the subject broadband equipment qualifies for the tax credit under Idaho Code 63-30291.

See attached statement of certification.

The Company respectfully requests this application be approved as filed. If you have questions or concerns regarding this filing, please contact me at either 608-664-2923 or gail.long@tdstelecom.com.

Sincerely,

/s/

Gail Long
Manager – State Government Affairs

Attachments: 2

TDS Metrocom, LLC
2020 Installed Broadband Investment (as of 12/31/20)

Exchange	Year	Project Type	Project Description/Purpose	Capital Investment
Coeur d'Alene	2020	FTTP Demand	Broadband Card Additions	372,278
Coeur d'Alene	2020	FTTP Demand	Broadband Software	114,215
Coeur d'Alene	2020	FTTP Demand	Fiber Equipment	2,995
Coeur d'Alene	2020	FTTP Demand	Fiber Network Terminal	467,702
Coeur d'Alene	2020	FTTP Demand	Routers	250,752
Coeur d'Alene	2020	FTTP Demand	Transceivers	65,989
Coeur d'Alene	2020	FTTP Demand	OSP Network Facilities	6,090,217
Coeur d'Alene	2020	FTTP Demand (MDU/MTU)	OSP Network Facilities	438,110
Hayden Lake	2020	FTTP Demand	Fiber Network Terminal	105,460
Hayden Lake	2020	FTTP Demand	OSP Network Facilities	4,098,815
Post Falls	2020	FTTP Demand	OSP Network Facilities	133,942
Rathdrum	2020	FTTP Demand	Fiber Network Terminal	1,602
Rathdrum	2020	FTTP Demand	OSP Network Facilities	810,697
Boise	2020	FTTP Demand	Broadband Card Additions	46,446
Boise	2020	FTTP Demand	Broadband Software	3,550
Boise	2020	FTTP Demand	Routers	156,216
TOTAL				13,158,986

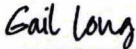
IDAHO BROADBAND CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that representatives of TDS Metrocom, LLC (the applicant) have read the applicable statutes for the broadband investment tax credit, and the applicant believes that the subject broadband equipment qualifies for the tax credit under Idaho Code 63-30291.

Dated August 2, 2021

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