

1. Do you -- or does TDS contemplate, for instance, that with changes in billing, that that might be accomplished through affiliate contract relations or just through its control of the management of Union?

RESPONSE:

TDS Telecommunications Corporation manages the billing functions of its ILEC and CLEC companies within its own internal operations and with its internal employees via its Master Affiliate Transaction Agreement (MATA). Union will be covered under the MATA after acquisition upon notice to the Commission. At this time, TDS plans to manage the transition of the Union Telephone Company billing conversion with its own internal staff. We generally do not engage outside companies or contractors to manage and perform our billing conversions for acquisitions.

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2. Well, for the other, do you happen to know for the other TDS subsidiaries, operating telephone subsidiaries in New Hampshire, do they get billing services through an affiliate under contract?

RESPONSE:

Yes. Billing services are handled under the MATA for the other four TDS operating telephone subsidiaries in NH, namely Hollis Telephone Company, Inc., Kearsarge Telephone Company, Merrimack County Telephone Company, and Wilton Telephone Company.

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3. Well, likewise, you mentioned there might be changes in benefits and things like that for the employees. Is there a possibility that the employees of Union would become employees of a different company, such as an affiliate of TDS? Or would those changes likely be just to occur through, again, a management decision flowing down because of the ownership?

RESPONSE:

Union Telephone Company will become a wholly owned subsidiary of TDS Telecommunications Corporation. The Union Telephone Company employees may remain on the Union Telephone Company payroll or become employees of TDS Telecom Service Corporation, the centralized affiliated services entity. Changes that may affect employees and employee benefits will be based on TDS Telecommunications Corporation management decisions due to the change in ownership of Union Telephone Company.

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4. Thank you. It would be also helpful if, whether it's Mr. Hunt, Mr. Coolbroth, Mr. McDermott, someone to provide the cites to the transactions that TDS has been through. Obviously, we can look those up here. But if you have those readily available -- not copies of the orders we can get that. But if they're readily available, that would be useful and it could just to be noted in a letter.

RESPONSE:

The recent transactions in NH would include the Wilton Telephone Company and Hollis Telephone Company (Docket DT 02-033) and Merrimack County Telephone Company (Docket DT 02-009) acquisitions. The acquisition of Chichester Telephone Company was approved in Docket DE 88-010.

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