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INTERCONNECTED VOIP NUMBERING AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION FILED BY TDS METROCOM, LLC PURSUANT TO SECTION 52.15(g)(3) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 24-520¹

Comments Due: December 26, 2024

TDS Metrocom, LLC (TDS Metrocom or Applicant), an interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider, filed a Numbering Authorization Application (Application) pursuant to section 52.15(g)(3) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, seeking authorization to obtain North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrator.² In its Application, TDS Metrocom indicates that it intends to initially request numbers in Idaho, Montana and North Carolina but seeks authority to access numbering resources in all states in its footprint.³

In its Application, TDS Metrocom includes the contact information and acknowledgements required by section 52.15(g)(3)(i) of the Commission's rules.⁴ TDS Metrocom provides evidence that it will be capable of providing service within 60 days of the numbering resources activation date.⁵ TDS Metrocom also certifies that it complies with the contribution, regulatory fee, and 911 obligations set forth in section 52.15(g)(3)(i)(E).⁶ In addition, TDS Metrocom certifies that it has the financial, managerial, and technical expertise to provide reliable service.⁷ TDS Metrocom further certifies that none

¹ We assign WC Docket No. 24-520 for this Application and all related filings by the applicant and interested parties. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Commencement Date and Process for Interconnected VoIP Providers to File Applications for Authorization to Obtain Telephone Numbers*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 949, 950 (WCB 2016); see also *Numbering Policies for Modern Communications et al.*, WC Docket No. 13-97 et al., Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 23-75 (rel. Sept. 22, 2023) (Second Report and Order).

² See Application of TDS Metrocom for Authorization to Obtain Numbering Resources, WC Docket No. 24-520 (filed October 11, 2024), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/filing/1011221676846> (Application).

³ Application at 1 (listing New Hampshire, New Mexico, Washington, and Wisconsin as additional states in its footprint); see also *Numbering Policies for Modern Communications et al.*, Report and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 6839, 6850, para. 24 & n.74 (2015) (*VoIP Direct Access to Numbers Order*).

⁴ Application at 2-6; see 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(A)-(C), (F).

⁵ Application at 4, Exhs. A-2, C; see 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(H).

⁶ Application at 4-5; see 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(K); see also *id.* §§ 1.1154, 52.17, 52.32, 64.604(c)(5)(iii); *id.* pts. 9 and 54, subpt. H.

⁷ Application at 5, Exh. E; see 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(F).

of its key management and technical personnel are being or have been investigated by the Commission, or any law enforcement or regulatory agency, for failure to comply with any law, rule, or order.⁸ TDS Metrocom certifies that no party to the Application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.⁹

Error! Reference source not found. TDS Metrocom also certifies that it will not use the numbers obtained pursuant to the authorization for illegal robocalling, illegal spoofing, or otherwise fraudulent purposes.¹⁰ TDS Metrocom **Error! Reference source not found.** certifies that it has fully complied with all applicable STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication and robocall mitigation program requirements.¹¹ TDS Metrocom certifies that it complies with the Commission's Access Stimulation rules.¹² TDS Metrocom provides evidence that it is compliant with FCC Form 499, FCC Form 477, and Broadband Data Collection filing requirements.¹³ TDS Metrocom makes the necessary ownership disclosures and certifications as required under 47 CFR §§ 63.18(h) and (i).¹⁴ Finally, TDS Metrocom makes a declaration under penalty of perjury that all statements in the application and any appendices are true and accurate.¹⁵

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Application identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies.

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments **on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document.** Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically by accessing ECFS at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
 - Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. **All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.** Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between

⁸ Application at 5; *see* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(K).

⁹ Application at 5; *see* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(i)(M); *see also* 21 U.S.C. § 862.

¹⁰ Application at 3; *see* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(ii)(D).

¹¹ Application at 3; *see* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(ii)(C).

¹² Application at 4; *see* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(ii)(F).

¹³ Application at 4; Exh. D; *see* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(ii)(D).

¹⁴ Application at 5; Exh. F; *see* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(ii)(L). Applicants have not specified foreign ownership pursuant to the information, disclosures, and certifications required by 47 CFR § 63.18(h) and (i).

¹⁵ Application at 6, Exh. G; *see* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3)(ii)(N).

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In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

- 1) DAA@fcc.gov;
- 2) Margoux Newman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Margoux.Newman@fcc.gov;
- 3) Jordan Marie Reth, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Jordan.Reth@fcc.gov.

Ex Parte Rules. The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.¹⁶ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

To allow the Commission to consider fully all substantive issues regarding the application in as timely and efficient a manner as possible, petitioners and commenters should raise all issues in their

¹⁶ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

initial filings. New issues may not be raised in responses or replies.¹⁷ A party or interested person seeking to raise a new issue after the pleading cycle has closed must show good cause why it was not possible for it to have raised the issue previously. Submissions after the pleading cycle has closed that seek to raise new issues based on new facts or newly discovered facts should be filed within 15 days after such facts are discovered. Absent such a showing of good cause, any issues not timely raised may be disregarded by the Commission.

Please contact DAA@fcc.gov, Margoux Newman at Margoux.Newman@fcc.gov or Jordan Marie Reth at Jordan.Reth@fcc.gov for further information.

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¹⁷ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).