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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The purpose of this Schedule 14A is to file a press release issued by Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ("TDS") on May 3, 2013 relating to earnings for the first quarter of 2013.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TDS and its directors, executive officers and other members of its management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of TDS in connection with TDS 2013 annual meeting of shareholders. Information regarding TDS directors and executive officers and other participants that may be soliciting proxies on behalf of the TDS board of directors and their respective interests in TDS by security holdings or otherwise is set forth TDS's definitive proxy statement relating to its 2013 annual meeting, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on April 19, 2013. The 2013 proxy statement, other solicitation material and other reports that TDS files with the SEC, when available, can be obtained free of charge at the SEC's web site at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or from TDS as provide on its website at

#### Exhibit 99.1 NEWS RELEASE

As previously announced, TDS will hold a teleconference May 3, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. CDT. Interested parties may listen to the call live by accessing the Investor Relations page of <a href="https://www.teldta.com">www.teldta.com</a>.

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#### TDS REPORTS FIRST QUARTER 2013 RESULTS

U.S. Cellular to offer Apple products later this year; updates 2013 guidance

<u>CHICAGO – May 3, 201</u>3 – Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. [NYSE:TDS] reported operating revenues of \$1,308.6 million for the first quarter of 2013, versus \$1,305.8 million for the comparable period one year ago. Net income attributable to TDS shareholders and related diluted earnings per share were \$1.4 million and \$0.01 respectively, for the first quarter of 2013, compared to \$52.3 million and \$0.48, respectively, in the comparable period one year ago.

As previously announced on Nov. 7, 2012, U.S. Cellular reached a definitive agreement to sell its Chicago, St. Louis, central Illinois and three other markets (the "Divestiture Markets") to subsidiaries of Sprint Nextel Corporation [NYSE:S] for \$480 million (the "Divestiture Transaction"). The transaction has been approved by the FCC and is

expected to close in the second quarter 2013.

"U.S. Cellular and TDS Telecom moved forward aggressively with their strategic initiatives, though higher smartphone subsidies, reductions in regulatory support, and investment spending continued to impact profitability," said LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., TDS president and CEO.

"U.S. Cellular further expanded customer access to 4G LTE speeds and devices in its core markets, driving growth in smartphone penetration, data use and postpaid ARPU. Through its distribution with Walmart, U.S. Cellular increased net prepaid customer additions. Postpaid gross customer additions in core markets were flat, and elevated churn resulted in a net customer loss. To drive customer growth and reduce churn, U.S. Cellular will begin offering Apple products later this year, adding to its strong portfolio of iconic devices, like the recently launched 4G LTE Samsung Galaxy S® 4. U.S. Cellular continued its efforts to expand distribution in April by offering postpaid service through Sam's Club locations in 14 states, and the company is aggressively targeting key segments like small and medium businesses.

"TDS Telecom continued to build its ILEC residential customer base with TDS TV® and faster broadband speeds, and increased average revenue per ILEC residential connection. The company's residential strategy is to increase broadband and video penetration through service bundling. TDS Telecom maintained strong sales of its commercial *managed*IP products, and plans to continue to expand the portfolio. Hosted and managed services revenues were driven primarily by a 2012 acquisition, as the HMS business continues to integrate its offerings to provide comprehensive, end-to-end IT solutions to mid-market customers. In February, TDS Telecom announced an agreement to acquire cable company Baja Broadband, which will expand the company's customer base and provide opportunities for future growth."

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#### **2013 ESTIMATES**

Estimates of full-year 2013 results for U.S. Cellular, TDS Telecom and TDS are shown below. Such estimates represent management's view as of the date of filing of TDS' Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013. Such forward-looking statements should not be assumed to be current as of any future date. TDS undertakes no duty to update such information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. There can be no assurance that final results will not differ materially from such estimated results.

	U.S. Cell	lular (2)	2013 Estimate TDS Tele	` '	TDS (2)(3)(7)			
	<b>Previous</b>	Current	<b>Previous</b>	Current	<b>Previous</b>	Current		
(Dollars in millions) Adjusted operating								
revenues (4) Adjusted income before	\$3,765-\$3,885	\$3,620-\$3,740	Unchanged	\$850-\$900	\$4,660-\$4,830	\$4,515-\$4,685		
income taxes (5) (8) Capital	\$780-\$900	\$595-\$715	Unchanged	\$220-\$250 Approx.	\$995-\$1,145	\$810-\$960		
expenditures	Approx. \$600	Approx. \$735	Unchanged	\$155	Approx. \$765	Approx. \$900		

- (1) These estimates are based on TDS' current plans, which include an expansion of the multi-year deployment of 4G LTE technology which commenced in 2011; such expansion includes deployment in additional markets as well as deployment on the 850 MHz band to provide additional capacity for future growth in data usage, enable potential future 4G LTE roaming, and support the sale of Apple products. These estimates also reflect the estimated impacts of selling Apple products and the deconsolidation of certain partnerships that will be accounted for as equity method investments effective April 3, 2013 at U.S. Cellular, and a multi-year deployment of IPTV which commenced in 2011 at TDS Telecom. New developments or changing conditions (such as, but not limited to, regulatory developments, customer net growth, customer demand for data services, costs to deploy, agreements for content or franchises, or possible acquisitions, dispositions or exchanges) could affect TDS' plans and, therefore, its 2013 estimated results.
- (2) These estimates assume the Divestiture Transaction closes in the second quarter of 2013. Actual effects could vary significantly from these estimates as a result of a change in the expected timing of the Divestiture Transaction or changes in other terms and conditions of the sale.

These estimates reflect U.S. Cellular's consolidated results for 2013. Estimated results reflecting U.S. Cellular's Divestiture Markets and Core Markets are shown in the table below:

	U.S. Cellu	lar Core	2013 Estimat U.S. Cellular		U.S. Cellular		
	Markets (6)		Marke	ts (6)	Consolidated (6)		
	<b>Previous</b>	Current	<b>Previous</b>	Current	<b>Previous</b>	Current	
(Dollars in millions) Adjusted operating revenues (4) Adjusted income before	\$3,600-\$3,700	\$3,475-\$3,575	\$165-\$185	\$145-\$165	\$3,765-\$3,885	\$3,620-\$3,740	
income taxes (5) (8) Capital expenditures	\$765-\$865 Approx. \$600	\$560-\$660 Approx. \$730	\$15-\$35 —	\$35-\$55 - \$5	\$780-\$900 Approx. \$600	\$595-\$715 Approx. \$735	

- (3) These estimates do not reflect the effects of the acquisition of Baja.
- (4) Adjusted operating revenues is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as Operating revenues excluding U.S. Cellular Equipment sales revenues are excluded from Adjusted operating revenues since U.S. Cellular equipment is generally sold at a net loss, and such net loss that results from U.S. Cellular Equipment sales revenues less U.S. Cellular Cost of equipment sold is viewed as a cost of earning service revenues for purposes of assessing business results. For purposes of developing this guidance, TDS does not calculate an estimate of U.S. Cellular Equipment sales revenues. TDS believes this measure provides useful information to investors regarding TDS' results of operations. Adjusted operating revenues is not a measure of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to Operating revenues as an indicator of the Company's operating performance.

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(5) Adjusted income before income taxes is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as Income before income taxes, adjusted for: Depreciation, amortization and accretion, net Gain or loss on sale of business and other exit costs (if any), and Interest expense. Adjusted income before income taxes is not a measure of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to Income before income taxes as an indicator of the Company's operating performance or as an alternative to Cash flows from operating activities, determined in accordance with GAAP, as an indicator of cash flows or as a measure of liquidity. TDS believes Adjusted income before income taxes is a meaningful measure of TDS' operating results before significant recurring non-cash charges, gains and losses and financing charges (Interest expense) in order to show operating results on a more comparable basis from period to period. TDS does not intend to imply that any of such amounts that are excluded are non-recurring, infrequent or unusual; such amounts may occur in the future. The following tables provide a reconciliation of Income (loss) before income taxes to Adjusted income before income taxes for 2013 Estimated Results and 2012 actual results:

	2013 Current Estimated Results											
	U.S. Cellular Core	U.S. Cellular Divestiture Markets										
	Markets (6)	(2)(6)	(6)	Telecom	<b>TDS</b> (7)							
(Dollars in millions) Income (loss) before income taxes (8) Depreciation, amortization and	(\$30)-\$70	(\$215)-(\$195)	(\$245)-(\$125)	\$25-\$55	(\$285)-(\$135)							
accretion expense (9) Interest expense Adjusted income before	Approx. \$540 Approx. \$50	Approx. \$250	Approx. \$790 Approx. \$50	Approx. \$195 —	Approx. \$990 Approx. \$105							
income taxes	\$560-\$660	\$35-\$55	\$595-\$715	\$220-\$250	\$810-\$960							

		Actual Results												
	Th	ree Months <b>F</b>	Ended M	Iarch 31	, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2012								
		S. Cellular nsolidated		ΓDS		TDS		Cellular solidated		TDS		TDS		
(Dollars in million	ıs)	(6)	16	lecom		<b>(7)</b>		(6)	16	elecom		<b>(7)</b>		
Income before income taxes Depreciation, amortization and	\$	18	\$	9	\$	11	\$	205	\$	45	\$	196		
accretion expense (9)		190		50		242		609		193		814		

income taxes	\$ 226	\$ 58	\$ 2	285	\$ 877	\$ 237	\$ 1,118
(Capitalized interest) Adjusted income before	11	(1)		25	42	(1)	87
and other exit costs, net Interest expense	7	_		7	21	_	21
(Gain) loss on sale of business							

- (6) The U.S. Cellular Consolidated amounts represent GAAP financial measures and include the results of both the Core Markets and the Divestiture Markets. The amounts for Core Markets and Divestiture Markets represent non-GAAP financial measures. TDS believes that the amounts for the Core Markets and Divestiture Markets may be useful to investors and other users of its financial information in evaluating the separate results for the Core Markets. Divestiture Markets are comprised of U.S. Cellular's Chicago, central Illinois, St. Louis and certain Indiana/Michigan/Ohio markets. Core Markets are comprised of all other markets in which U.S. Cellular conducts business including Peoria, Rockford and certain other areas in Illinois, and in Columbia, Joplin, Jefferson City and certain other areas in Missouri. Core Markets as defined also includes any other income or expenses due to U.S. Cellular's direct or indirect ownership interests in other spectrum in the Divestiture Markets which was not included in the sale and other retained assets from the Divestiture Markets.
- (7) The TDS column includes U.S. Cellular, TDS Telecom and also the impacts of consolidating eliminations, corporate operations and non-reportable segments, all of which are not presented above.
- (8) This amount does not include any estimate for (Gain) loss on sale of business and other exit costs, net, as the timing of such amount is not readily estimable.
- (9) The 2013 estimated amounts for depreciation, amortization and accretion expense in the U.S. Cellular Divestiture Markets include approximately \$185 million of incremental accelerated depreciation, amortization and accretion resulting from the Divestiture Transaction. Actual results for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and the year ended December 31, 2012 include \$38 million and \$20 million, respectively, of incremental accelerated depreciation, amortization and accretion resulting from the Divestiture Transaction.

#### **Conference Call Information**

TDS will hold a conference call on May 3, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

- Access the live call on the Investor Relations page of <a href="www.teldta.com">www.teldta.com</a> or at <a href="http://www.media-server.com/m/acs/1b33881ae5323e924285a4a1458e63c1">http://www.media-server.com/m/acs/1b33881ae5323e924285a4a1458e63c1</a>.
- Access the call by phone at 877-407-8029 (US/Canada), no pass code required.

Before the call, certain financial and statistical information to be discussed during the call will be posted to the Investor Relations page of <a href="https://www.teldta.com">www.teldta.com</a>. The call will be archived on the Conference Calls page of <a href="https://www.teldta.com">www.teldta.com</a>.

#### **About TDS**

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. (TDS), a Fortune 500® company, provides wireless; broadband, TV and voice; and hosted and managed services to approximately 7 million customers nationwide through its business units, U.S. Cellular, TDS Telecom and TDS Hosted & Managed Services. Founded in 1969 and headquartered in Chicago, TDS employed 12,300 people as of March 31, 2013.

Visit <u>www.teldta.com</u> for comprehensive financial information, including earnings releases, quarterly and annual filings, shareholder information and more.

Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: All information set forth in this news release, except historical and factual information, represents forward-looking statements. This includes all statements about the company's plans, beliefs, estimates, and expectations. These statements are based on current estimates, projections, and assumptions, which involve certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that may affect these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: impacts of the pending acquisition and divestiture transactions, including, but not limited to, the ability to obtain regulatory approvals, successfully complete the transaction and the financial impacts of such transaction; the ability of the company to successfully manage and grow its markets; the overall economy; competition; the access to and pricing of unbundled network elements; the ability to obtain or maintain roaming arrangements with other carriers on acceptable terms; the state and federal telecommunications regulatory environment; the value of assets and investments; adverse changes in the ratings afforded TDS and U.S. Cellular debt securities by accredited ratings organizations; industry consolidation; advances in telecommunications technology; uncertainty of access to the capital markets; pending and future litigation; changes in income tax rates, laws, regulations or rulings; acquisitions/divestitures of properties and/or licenses; changes in

customer growth rates, average monthly revenue per user, churn rates, roaming revenue and terms, the availability of handset devices, or the mix of products and services offered by U.S. Cellular and TDS Telecom. Investors are encouraged to consider these and other risks and uncertainties that are discussed in the Form 8-K Current Report used by TDS to furnish this press release to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), which are incorporated by reference herein.

For more information about TDS and its subsidiaries, visit:

TDS: www.teldta.com

U.S. Cellular: www.uscellular.com

TDS Telecom: www.tdstelecom.com

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# **United States Cellular Corporation Total Markets Summary Operating Data (Unaudited)**

Quarter Ended Retail Customers		3/31/2013	-	12/31/2012	9/30/2012	6/30/2012	3/31/2012
Postpaid Tatal at and of							
Total at end of		5 060 000		5 124 000	5 175 000	5 212 000	5 261 000
period (1) Gross additions		5,060,000		5,134,000	5,175,000	5,213,000	5,261,000
Net additions		191,000		241,000	230,000	199,000	210,000
(losses)		(74,000)		(41,000)	(38,000)	(48,000)	(38,000)
ARPU (2)	\$	54.85	\$	54.56	\$ 54.34	\$ 54.42	\$ 54.00
Churn rate (3)		1.7%		1.8%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%
Smartphone							
penetration (4) (5	)	43.5%		41.8%	38.6%	36.8%	34.4%
Prepaid							
Total at end of							
period		446,000		423,000	386,000	329,000	309,000
Gross additions Net additions		104,000		107,000	120,000	78,000	63,000
(losses)		23,000		37,000	57,000	20,000	4,000
ARPU (2)	\$	33.31	\$	33.56	\$ 32.97	\$ 33.59	\$ 33.17
Churn rate (3)		6.2%		5.8%	5.9%	6.2%	6.4%
Total customers at end of							
period (1)		5,736,000		5,798,000	5,808,000	5,799,000	5,837,000
Billed ARPU (2)	\$	51.13	\$	50.94	\$ 50.83	\$ 50.99	\$ 50.52
Service revenue ARPU (2)	\$	57.63	\$	58.00	\$ 59.57	\$ 59.05	\$ 58.21
Smartphones sold as a							
percent of total							
devices sold		61.7%		62.9%	53.0%	51.9%	54.1%
Total population							
Consolidated markets (6) Consolidated		93,943,000		93,244,000	92,996,000	92,684,000	92,684,000
operating markets (6)	5	47,440,000		46,966,000	46,966,000	46,966,000	46,966,000
Market penetration at end	of						
period							
Consolidated markets (7) Consolidated operating markets	2	6.1%		6.2%	6.2%	6.3%	6.3%
(7)	-	12.1%		12.3%	12.4%	12.3%	12.4%
Capital expenditures (000s) Total cell sites in service	\$	118,400 8,027	\$	253,100 8,028	\$ 199,100 7,984	\$ 183,200 7,932	\$ 201,300 7,875

**Owned towers in service** 4,411 4,408 4,377 4,346 4,318

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# **United States Cellular Corporation Core Markets Summary Operating Data (Unaudited)**

Quarter Ended Retail Customers Postpaid		3/31/2013		12/31/2012		9/30/2012		6/30/2012		3/31/2012
Total at end of										
period (1)		4,639,000		4,672,000		4,688,000		4,708,000		4,736,000
Gross additions Net additions		184,000		218,000		204,000		176,000		182,000
(losses)		(32,000)		(16,000)		(20,000)		(28,000)		(21,000)
ARPU (2)	\$	54.23	\$	53.92	\$	53.68	\$	53.70	\$	53.25
Churn rate (3) Smartphone		1.5%		1.7%		1.6%		1.4%		1.4%
penetration (4) (5)		43.0%		41.1%		37.8%		36.0%		34.3%
Prepaid										
Total at end of										
period		373,000		342,000		305,000		246,000		223,000
Gross additions		92,000		86,000		100,000		59,000		42,000
Net additions		• • • • • •				<b>~</b> 0.000				
(losses)	4	31,000	4	38,000		59,000	Φ.	23,000		5,000
ARPU (2)	\$	32.92	\$	33.21	\$	33.09	\$	33.37	\$	32.69
Churn rate (3)		5.7%		5.0%		5.0%		5.2%		5.6%
Total customers at end of		5 225 000		<b>5.00</b> 0,000		5 222 000		<b>7.106.000</b>		5.010.000
period (1)	ф	5,225,000	Φ	5,238,000	ф	5,223,000	Ф	5,196,000	ф	5,210,000
Billed ARPU (2)	\$	50.65	\$	50.43	\$	50.34	\$	50.43	\$	49.91
Service revenue ARPU (2)	\$	57.37	\$	57.90	\$	59.66	\$	59.03	\$	58.20
Smartphones sold as a percent of total										
percent of total										
devices sold		62.1%		62.9%		53.0%		52.0%		54.1%
Total population										
Consolidated markets (6) Consolidated		84,625,000		83,864,000		83,075,000		82,763,000		82,763,000
operating markets (6)		32,422,000		31,925,000		31,590,000		31,590,000		31,590,000
Market penetration at end o	f									
period										
Consolidated markets (7) Consolidated operating markets		6.2%		6.2%		6.3%		6.3%		6.3%
(7)		16.1%		16.4%		16.5%		16.4%		16.5%
Capital expenditures (000s)	\$	113,300	\$	241,400	\$	184,100	\$	163,600	\$	179,700
Total cell sites in service	Ψ	6,277	Ψ	6,292	Ψ	6,251	Ψ	6,199	Ψ	6,146

**Owned towers in service** 3,846 3,847 3,818 3,787 3,761

- (1) Includes 176,000 and 168,000 postpaid customers at March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, related to the St. Lawrence Seaway RSA Cellular Partnership ("NY1") and New York RSA 2 Cellular Partnership ("NY2" and, together with NY1, the "Partnerships").
- (2) ARPU metrics are calculated by dividing a revenue base by an average number of customers by the number of months in the period. These revenue bases and customer populations are shown below:
- a. Postpaid ARPU consists of total postpaid service revenues and postpaid customers.
- b. Prepaid ARPU consists of total prepaid service revenues and prepaid customers.
- c. Billed ARPU consists of total retail service revenues and postpaid, prepaid and reseller customers.
- d. Service revenue ARPU consists of total retail service revenues, inbound roaming and other service revenues and postpaid, prepaid and reseller customers.
- (3) Churn metrics represent the percentage of the postpaid or prepaid customers that disconnect service each month. These metrics represent the average monthly postpaid or prepaid churn rate for each respective period.
- (4) Smartphones represent wireless devices which run on an Android<sup>TM</sup>, BlackBerry® or Windows Mobile® operating system, excluding tablets.
- (5) Smartphone penetration is calculated by dividing postpaid smartphone customers by total postpaid customers.
- (6) Used only to calculate market penetration of consolidated markets and consolidated operating markets, respectively. See footnote (7) below.
- (7) Market penetration is calculated by dividing the number of wireless customers at the end of the period by the total population of consolidated markets and consolidated operating markets, respectively, as estimated by Claritas®.

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TDS Telecom Summary Operating Data (Unaudited)

Quarter End TDS Telecon ILEC:		3/31/2013	12/31/2012	9/30/2012	6/30/2012	3/31/2012
	idential Compactions					
Res	sidential Connections					
	Physical access lines					
	(1)	345,500	350,100	355,800	360,100	363,500
	Broadband connections					
	(2)	221,900	221,700	223,100	222,400	219,500
	IPTV customers	9,000	7,900	6,700	5,600	4,900
	ILEC residential	,,,,,	. ,	2,1.00	2,000	-,,,
	connections	576,400	579,700	585,600	588,100	587,900
	connections	370,400	379,700	363,000	366,100	387,900
Cor	mmercial Connections					
	Physical access lines					
	(1)	106,000	107,600	109,800	111,100	112,600
	Broadband connections	•	107,000	105,000	111,100	112,000
		18,400	18,500	18,500	18,400	18,200
	(2)	16,400	16,500	10,500	10,400	16,200
	managedIP					40.000
	connections (3)	18,400	17,200	15,000	13,200	10,800
	ILEC commercial					
	connections	142,800	143,300	143,300	142,700	141,600
CLEC.						
CLEC:	idential Connections					
Res	sidential Connections					
	Physical access lines					
	(1)	23,000	24,600	26,200	27,900	29,600
	Broadband connections					
	(2)	7,700	8,200	8,900	9,500	10,100
	CLEC residential		·		·	•
	connections	30,700	32,800	35,100	37,400	39,700
	connections	30,700	32,000	33,100	37,100	37,700
Cor	mmercial Connections					
	Physical access lines					
	(1)	129,700	135,500	140,300	145,100	151,100
	Broadband connections		133,300	110,500	113,100	131,100
			11 200	12 000	12 200	12 700
	(2)	10,400	11,200	12,000	12,800	13,700
	$managed  ext{IP}$					
	connections (3)	85,000	77,400	69,500	61,400	53,700
	CLEC commercial					
	connections	225,100	224,100	221,800	219,300	218,500
Total ILEC a	and CLEC Customer					
Connections		975,000	979,900	985,800	987,500	987,700

- (1) Individual circuits connecting customers to TDS Telecom's central office facilities.
- (2) The number of customers provided high-capacity data circuits via various technologies, including DSL and dedicated Internet circuit technologies.
- (3) The number of telephone handsets, data lines and IP trunks providing communications using IP networking technology.

### TDS Telecom Capital Expenditures (000s)

<b>Quarter Ended</b>	3/31/2013	12/31/2012	9/30/2012	6/30/2012	3/31/2012
ILEC	\$ 22,400	\$ 43,400	\$ 33,700	\$ 32,500	\$ 27,500
CLEC	5,500	6,100	5,400	4,900	5,100
HMS	2,600	2,300	4,400	5,500	3,100
	\$ 30,500	\$ 51,800	\$ 43,500	\$ 42,900	\$ 35,700

### Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. Consolidated Statement of Operations Highlights Three Months Ended March 31,

(Unaudited, dollars and shares in thousands, except per share amounts)

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		2013		2012	Amount		Percent
Operating revenues							
		1,081,746		1,092,121			
U.S. Cellular	\$		\$		\$	(10,375)	(1%)
TDS Telecom		217,061		204,075		12,986	6%
All Other (1)		9,766		9,595		171	2%
		1,308,573		1,305,791			
						2,782	
Operating expenses							
U.S. Cellular							
Expenses excluding depreciation,		070.070		062 444		15.606	200
amortization and accretion		878,070		862,444		15,626	2%
Depreciation, amortization and		100.045		146.605		42.160	200
accretion		189,845		146,685		43,160	29%
Loss on asset disposals, net (Gain) loss on sale of business and		5,434		2,003		3,431	>100%
other exit costs, net		6,931		(4,213)		11,144	>(100%)
other exit costs, net		1,080,280		1,006,919		11,144	>(100%)
		1,000,200		1,000,919		73,361	7%
TDS Telecom						75,501	7 70
Expenses excluding depreciation,							
amortization and accretion		159,486		143,420		16,066	11%
Depreciation, amortization and		, , , , ,		-, -		-,	
accretion		49,491		47,443		2,048	4%
Loss on asset disposals, net		193		120		73	61%
•		209,170		190,983		18,187	10%
All Other (1)							
Expenses excluding depreciation							
and amortization		9,239		10,946		(1,707)	(16%)
Depreciation and amortization		2,741		3,306		(565)	(17%)
Gain on asset disposals, net		(11)		(5)		(6)	>100%
		11,969		14,247		(2,278)	(16%)
		1,301,419		1,212,149			
Total operating expense	S					89,270	7%
Operating income (loss)							
U.S. Cellular		1,466		85,202		(83,736)	(98%)
TDS Telecom		7,891		13,092		(5,201)	(40%)
All Other (1)		(2,203)		(4,652)		2,449	53%
		7,154		93,642		(86,488)	(92%)
Investment and other income (expense)							

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Equity in earnings of unconsolidated						
entities	27,089		23,389		3,700	16%
Interest and dividend income	1,578 2,183		(605)		(28%)	
Interest expense	(24,498)		(24,464)		(34)	
Other, net	(154)		228		(382)	>(100%)
Total investment and other income	4,015		1,336		2,679	>100%
Income before income taxes	11,169		94,978		(83,809)	(88%)
Income tax expense	4,180		27,412		(23,232)	(85%)
Net income	6,989		67,566		(60,577)	(90%)
Less: Net income attributable to						
noncontrolling interests, net of tax	(5,570)		(15,312)		9,742	64%
Net income attributable to TDS shareholders	1,419		52,254		(50,835)	(97%)
Preferred dividend requirement	(12)		(12)			_
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 1,407	\$	52,242	\$	(50,835)	(97%)
Basic weighted average shares outstanding Basic earnings per share attributable to TDS	108,255		108,653		(398)	_
shareholders	\$ 0.01	\$	0.48	\$	(0.47)	(98%)
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding Diluted earnings per share attributable to	108,693		109,098		(405)	_
TDS shareholders	\$ 0.01	\$	0.48	\$	(0.47)	(98%)

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of Suttle Straus printing and distribution operations, Airadigm, corporate operations and intercompany eliminations.

N/M – Percentage change not meaningful

## Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheet Highlights

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

#### **ASSETS**

		March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
<b>Current assets</b>			
	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 766,700	\$ 740,481
	Short-term investments	125,595	115,700
	Accounts receivable from customers and		
	others	506,710	574,328
	Inventory	143,832	160,692
	Net deferred income tax asset	44,288	43,411
	Prepaid expenses	86,879	86,385
	Income taxes receivable	11,301	9,625
	Other current assets	30,498	32,815
		1,715,803	1,763,437
Assets held for sal	le	160,073	163,242
Investments			
	Licenses	1,494,189	1,480,039
	Goodwill	797,194	797,194
	Other intangible assets, net	55,557	58,522
	Investments in unconsolidated entities	201,171	179,921
	Long-term investments	40,142	50,305
	Other investments	778	824
		2,589,031	2,566,805
Property, plant an	nd equipment, net		
	U.S. Cellular	2,948,508	3,022,588
	TDS Telecom	918,861	934,188
	Other	39,226	40,490
		3,906,595	3,997,266
Other assets and	deferred charges	130,321	133,150
<b>Total assets</b>		\$ 8,501,823	\$ 8,623,900

## Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheet Highlights

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

## LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

			March 31, 2013	D	December 31, 2012
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
	Current portion of long-term debt	\$	1,318	\$	1,233
	Accounts payable	·	335,065	·	377,291
	Customer deposits and deferred revenues		231,478		222,345
	Accrued interest		15,774		6,565
	Accrued taxes		55,944		48,237
	Accrued compensation		75,324		134,932
	Other current liabilities		102,208		134,005
			817,111		924,608
Liabilities held for	· sale		18,360		19,594
Deferred liabilities					
	Net deferred income tax liability		867,954		862,580
	Other deferred liabilities and credits		445,614		438,727
Long-term debt			1,721,338		1,721,571
Noncontrolling int	terests with redemption features		466		493
Equity					
TDS share	eholders' equity				
	Series A Common and Common Shares, par value				
	\$.01		1,327		1,327
	Capital in excess of par value		2,302,785		2,304,122
	Treasury shares, at cost		(747,831)		(750,099)
	Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(8,303)		(8,132)
	Retained earnings		2,449,720		2,464,318
	Total TDS shareholders' equity		3,997,698		4,011,536
Preferred			825		825
Noncontro	olling interests		632,457		643,966
	Total equity		4,630,980		4,656,327
Total liabilities an	d equity	\$	8,501,823	\$	8,623,900

## Balance Sheet Highlights March 31, 2013

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

Cash and cash equivalents Affiliated cash investments Short-term investments	\$ U.S. Cellular 419,696 110,585 530,281	\$ TDS Telecom 87,459 374,137 461,596	\$ TDS Corporate & Other 259,545 15,010 274,555	tercompany liminations (374,137) (374,137)	Co \$	TDS onsolidated 766,700 125,595 892,295
Licenses, goodwill and other intangible assets Investment in unconsolidated	\$ 1,892,755	\$ 580,138	\$ (125,953)	\$	\$	2,346,940
entities Long-term and other investments	165,529 40,142 2,098,426	3,814 778	38,634	(6,806)		201,171 40,920 2,589,031
	\$ 2,098,420	\$ 584,730	\$ (87,319)	\$ (6,806)	\$	2,369,031
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 2,948,508	\$ 918,861	\$ 39,226	\$	\$	3,906,595
Long-term debt: Current portion	\$ 93	\$ 83	\$ 1,142	\$	\$	1,318 1,721,338
Non-current portion  Total	\$ 878,975 879,068	\$ 737 820	\$ 841,626 842,768	\$	\$	1,722,656
Preferred shares	\$	\$	\$ 825	\$	\$	825

#### Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

#### Schedule of Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

The following table presents TDS' cash and cash equivalents and investments at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

	March 31, 2013		December 31, 2012		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	766,700	\$	740,481	
Amounts included in short-term investments (1) (2)					
Government-backed securities (3)		125,595		115,700	
Certificates of deposit					
	\$	125,595	\$	115,700	
Amounts included in long-term investments (1) (4)					
Government-backed securities (3)		40,142		50,305	
Total cash and cash equivalents and investments	\$	932,437	\$	906,486	

- (1) Designated as held-to-maturity investments and are recorded at amortized cost in the Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- (2) Maturities are less than twelve months from the respective balance sheet dates.
- (3) Includes U.S treasury securities and corporate notes guaranteed under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program.
- (4) Maturities are 20 months from the balance sheet date.

### Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Three Months Ended March 31,

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	(Chadana, Cohar in the dealine)	2013	2012
Cash flows from operating activit	ies		
Net income	:	\$ 6,989	\$ 67,566
Add (deduct) adjust flows	tments to reconcile net income to net cash		
from operating act	ivities		
1 1 8	Depreciation, amortization and		
	accretion	242,077	197,434
	Bad debts expense	17,874	15,105
	Stock-based compensation expense	7,585	10,330
	Deferred income taxes, net	3,009	6,187
	Equity in earnings of unconsolidated		
	entities	(27,089)	(23,389)
	Distributions from unconsolidated		
	entities	8,089	2,938
	Loss on asset disposals, net	5,616	2,079
	(Gain) loss on sale of business and		
	other exit costs, net	6,931	(4,174)
	Noncash interest expense	497	862
	Other operating activities	256	852
Changes in assets as	nd liabilities from operations		
	Accounts receivable	34,038	38,941
	Inventory	16,860	(4,842)
	Accounts payable	(3,203)	(25,372)
	Customer deposits and deferred		
	revenues	7,904	10,745
	Accrued taxes	5,309	82,014
	Accrued interest	9,279	9,117
	Other assets and liabilities	(95,669)	(104,148)
		246,352	282,245
Cash flows from investing activiti	es		
Cash used for additions to pr	roperty, plant and equipment	(176,318)	(242,611)
Cash paid for acquisitions ar		(14,150)	(11,096)
Cash received from divestitu	ires	_	50,036
Cash paid for investments		_	(10,000)
Cash received for investmen	its	_	20,249
Other investing activities		6,364	(436)
		(184,104)	(193,858)
Cash flows from financing activiti	ies		
Repayment of long-term deb		(328)	(493)
Issuance of long-term debt		_	358

TDS Common Shares and Special Common Shares reissued for		
benefit plans, net of tax payments	140	(33)
U.S. Cellular Common Shares reissued for benefit plans, net of tax		
payments	123	357
Repurchase of U.S. Cellular Common Shares	(18,425)	
Dividends paid	(13,792)	(13,301)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(2,396)	(218)
Other financing activities	(1,351)	798
	(36,029)	(12,532)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	26,219	75,855
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of period	740,481	563,275
End of period	\$ 766,700	\$ 639,130

# TDS Telecom Highlights Three Months Ended March 31,

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

				Increase (De		
	2013		2012	Amount	Percent	
<b>Local Telephone Operations</b>						
Operating revenues						
Residential	\$ 69,386	\$	69,399	\$ (13)		
Commercial	24,284		24,130	154	1%	
Wholesale	47,850		51,536	(3,686)	(7%)	
	141,520		145,065	(3,545)	(2%)	
Operating expenses						
Cost of services and products Selling, general and	47,595		49,168	(1,573)	(3%)	
administrative expenses	41,839		41,514	325	1%	
Depreciation, amortization and						
accretion	38,576		37,778	798	2%	
Loss on asset disposals and						
exchanges, net	122		66	56	85%	
-	128,132		128,526	(394)		
Operating income	\$ 13,388	\$	16,539	\$ (3,151)	(19%)	
Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Operations						
Operating revenues						
Residential	\$ 3,618	\$	4,788	\$ (1,170)	(24%)	
Commercial	35,108		34,341	767	2%	
Wholesale	3,828		4,915	(1,087)	(22%)	
	42,554		44,044	(1,490)	(3%)	
Operating expenses	,		,	(-, 1, 2)	(2,75)	
Cost of services and products Selling, general and	21,962		22,564	(602)	(3%)	
administrative expenses Depreciation, amortization and	15,932		16,260	(328)	(2%)	
accretion  Loss on asset disposals and	5,447		5,489	(42)	(1%)	
exchanges, net	41		53	(12)	(23%)	
Chommigus, nec	43,382		44,366	(984)	(2%)	
Operating loss	\$ (828)	\$	(322)	\$ (506)	>(100)%	
<b>Hosted and Managed Services Operations</b>						
Revenues Operating expenses	\$ 35,564	\$	17,558	\$ 18,006	>100%	

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Cost of services and products Selling, general and	24,814	9,774	15,040	>100%
administrative expenses	9,921	6,732	3,189	47%
Depreciation, amortization and accretion  Loss on asset disposals and	5,468	4,176	1,292	31%
exchanges, net	30	1	29	>100%
G .	40,233	20,683	19,550	95%
Operating loss	\$ (4,669)	\$ (3,125)	\$ (1,544)	(49%)
Intercompany revenues Intercompany expenses	\$ (2,577) (2,577)	\$ (2,592) (2,592)	\$ 15 15	1% 1%
<b>Total TDS Telecom operating income</b>	\$ 7,891	\$ 13,092	\$ (5,201)	(40%)

## Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. Financial Measures and Reconciliations

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	TDS Consolidated					
Three Months Ended March 31,		2013	2012			
Cash flows from operating activities	\$	246,352	\$	282,245		
Deduct:						
Cash used for additions to property, plant, and						
equipment		176,318		242,611		
Free cash flow (1)	\$	70,034	\$	39,634		

(1) Free cash flow is defined as Cash flows from operating activities less Cash used for additions to property, plant and equipment. Free cash flow is a non-GAAP financial measure. TDS believes that free cash flow as reported by TDS is useful to investors and other users of its financial information in evaluating the amount of cash generated by business operations, after consideration of capital expenditures.