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SUBJECT: Review of TDS Telecom's PEA for the Winterhaven Last Mile Underserved Broadband Project in Imperial County, California Pursuant to Commission Resolution T-17410

Dear Mr. Jordan:

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC's) Infrastructure Permitting and CEQA section has completed its first review of TDS Telecom's Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) required pursuant to CPUC Resolution T-17140. The CPUC's Information and Criteria List and PEA Checklist and Bureau of Indian Affairs NEPA Guidebook were used as basic guides for determining PEA adequacy.

The information contained in the PEA for the proposed Winterhaven Last Mile Underserved Broadband Project (the Proposed Project) is currently incomplete. Attached is a list of deficiency items. Additional information submitted in response to this letter should be filed as supplements to the PEA. Responses to each item should be provided within 60 days.

Upon receipt of the supplemental information, the CPUC will perform a second review to assess PEA adequacy and issue a determination. The CPUC reserves the right to request additional information at any point during the process. Questions relating to the Proposed Project should be directed to Rob Peterson at (415) 703-2820. Please copy the CPUC's consultant, Tom Engels, Horizon Water and Environment, on communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Peterson".

Rob Peterson
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