

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/

Form 10-Q/A

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q/A**

**Amendment No. 1**

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2006

OR

o **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_





**TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or  
organization)

**36-2669023**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**30 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(312) 630-1900**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

| Class                                   | Outstanding at August 31, 2006 |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Common Shares, \$.01 par value          | 51,432,410 Shares              |
| Special Common Shares, \$.01 par value  | 57,782,076 Shares              |
| Series A Common Shares, \$.01 par value | 6,445,404 Shares               |

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### Explanatory Note

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ( TDS ) is filing this Amendment No. 1 to its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2006, which was originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on October 10, 2006 ( Original Form 10-Q ), to amend Part I Financial Information Item 1 Financial Statements, Item 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ( MD&A ), Item 3 Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, and Item 4 Controls and Procedures, and Part II Other Information Item 6 Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

As discussed in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, TDS and its audit committee concluded on November 6, 2006, that TDS would amend its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 to restate its consolidated financial statements and financial information for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005, including quarterly information for 2005 and 2004, and certain selected financial data for 2002. TDS and its audit committee also concluded that TDS would amend its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 to restate the consolidated financial statements and financial information included therewith.

The restatement adjustments are described below.

- **Forward contracts and related derivative instruments** - In reviewing the accounting and disclosure of its prepaid forward contracts, TDS concluded that its continued designation of the embedded collars within the forward contracts as cash flow hedges of marketable equity securities was not appropriate. TDS did not contemporaneously de-designate, re-designate, and assess hedge effectiveness when the embedded collars were contractually modified for differences between the actual and expected dividend rates on the underlying securities in 2004, 2003 and 2002. As a result, the embedded collars no longer qualified for cash flow hedge accounting treatment upon the modification of the terms of the collars for changes in dividend rates and, from that point forward, must be accounted for as derivative instruments that do not qualify for cash flow hedge accounting treatment. Accordingly, all changes in the fair value of the embedded collars from the time of the contractual modification of each collar must be recognized in the statement of operations. The restatement adjustments represent reclassifications of unrealized gains or losses related to changes in the fair value of the embedded collars from other comprehensive income or loss, included in common stockholders' equity, to the statement of operations.
- **Expense reclassifications** - Certain prior period amounts, primarily labor, maintenance, rent and utilities expenses at the competitive local exchange carriers ( CLEC ), previously reported in selling, general and administrative expense have been corrected to properly reflect the classification of the expenses in cost of service and products in the current period. Certain expenses, primarily universal service costs, at both the incumbent local exchange carriers ( ILEC ) and the CLEC previously reported in cost of service and products have been adjusted to properly reflect the classification of the expenses in selling, general and administrative expense. These adjustments did not have an effect on operating income or net income.
- **Establishment of an Asset Retirement Obligation ( ARO )** - Upon initial implementation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 143 Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations ( SFAS No. 143 ) in 2003, TDS Telecom's ILEC operations concluded that it was not necessary to record an ARO asset and corresponding regulatory liability of equal amount. TDS Telecom's ILECs have their rates regulated by the respective state public utility commissions and the Federal Communications Commission ( FCC ), and therefore, reflect the effects of the rate-making actions of these regulatory bodies in their financial statements. In 2002, the FCC notified carriers by Order that it would not be adopting SFAS No. 143 since the FCC concluded that SFAS No. 143 conflicted with the FCC's current accounting rules that require ILECs to accrue for asset retirement obligations through prescribed depreciation rates. Upon adoption of SFAS No. 143, and pursuant to the FCC's order and the provisions of SFAS No. 71 Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation, ( SFAS No.71 ) the ILECs reclassified their existing remediation liabilities, previously recorded in accumulated depreciation, to an ARO liability and a separate regulatory liability. Upon further review, TDS has concluded that upon adoption of SFAS No. 143, and in accordance with SFAS No. 71, it should have recognized an ARO asset and a corresponding ARO liability, rather than establish the

ARO liability through a reclassification of its existing remediation liabilities. The adjustment did not affect previously reported revenues, operating income or net income (loss).

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- **Contracts with maintenance and support services** U.S. Cellular entered into certain equipment and software contracts that included maintenance and support services. In one case, U.S. Cellular did not properly allocate expenditures between equipment purchases and maintenance and support services. In other cases, U.S. Cellular did not properly record fees for maintenance and support services over the specified term of the agreement. The restatement adjustments properly record property, plant and equipment, related depreciation expense and fees for maintenance and support services in the correct periods.
  - **Classification of Asset Retirement Obligation on the Statement of Cash Flows** The additions to property, plant and equipment and other deferred liabilities representing additional asset retirement obligations ( ARO ) should be treated as non-cash items in the statement of cash flows. From 2004 through the second quarter of 2006, U.S. Cellular included additional ARO liabilities as a change in other assets and liabilities in cash flows from operating activities and the increase in the ARO asset balance as a capital expenditure in cash flows from investing activities resulting in an overstatement of cash flows from operating activities and an overstatement of cash flows required by investing activities. In the restatement, adjustments were recorded in the statement of cash flows to offset the change in ARO liabilities against the ARO asset.
  - **Income taxes** In the restatement, TDS adjusted its income tax expense, income taxes payable, goodwill, deferred income tax assets and liabilities and related disclosures for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, 2003 and 2002 for items identified based on its annual analysis reconciling its 2005 income tax expense and income tax balance sheet accounts as determined in its comparison of the 2005 year-end income tax provision to the 2005 federal and state income tax returns. These adjustments included corrections for certain accounts that had not previously been included in the financial reporting basis used in determining the cumulative temporary differences in computing deferred income tax assets and liabilities, as well as adjustments to certain cumulative temporary differences that had historically been incorrectly associated with operating license assets which, in this restatement, have been correctly classified as investments in partnership assets. Accordingly, the company has adjusted the deferred tax liabilities related to these assets. Goodwill was adjusted to record the income tax effect of the difference between the financial reporting basis and the income tax basis of certain acquisitions made prior to 2004.
- TDS determined that the state deferred tax liabilities attributable to marketable equity securities, as presented in prior periods, should have been lower to reflect carryover of a higher stock basis than the federal basis for certain states that have not adopted the federal consolidated return regulations. TDS also identified a valuation allowance related to state net operating loss carry forwards for which deferred tax liabilities related to marketable equity securities provide positive evidence supporting reductions to previously established valuation allowances.
- **Cash and interest income** In reviewing cash accounts, it was determined that cash and interest income were overstated in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and six months ended June 30, 2006. In the restatement, TDS corrected the overstatement by reducing cash and interest income.
  - **Property, plant and equipment** U.S. Cellular did not properly record certain transfers and disposals of equipment removed from service. Also, U.S. Cellular did not properly record depreciation expense for certain leasehold improvements and other equipment due to the use of incorrect asset lives. The restatement adjustments properly record equipment disposals and depreciation expense in the correct amounts and periods.
  - **Other items** In addition to the adjustments described above, TDS recorded a number of other adjustments to correct and record revenues, expenses and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities in the periods in which such revenues, expenses and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities were earned or incurred. Adjustments were also made to correct certain balance sheet amounts, including corrections to purchase price accounting for certain acquisitions prior to 2003. These individual adjustments were not material.





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In connection with the restatement, TDS concluded that certain material weaknesses existed in its internal control over financial reporting. See Part I Item 4 Controls and Procedures.

For the convenience of the reader, this Form 10-Q/A sets forth the Original Form 10-Q, as amended hereby, in its entirety. However, this Form 10-Q/A amends and restates only Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Part I and Item 6 of Part II of the Original Form 10-Q, in each case solely as a result of and to reflect the adjustments discussed above and more fully in Note 1 of the accompanying consolidated financial statements, and no other information in the Original Form 10-Q is amended hereby. The foregoing items have not been updated to reflect other events occurring after the filing of the Original Form 10-Q, or to modify or update those disclosures affected by other subsequent events. In particular, forward-looking statements included in the Form 10-Q/A represented management's views as of the date of filing of the Original Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2006 on October 10, 2006. Such forward-looking statements should not be assumed to be accurate as of any future date. TDS undertakes no duty to update such information whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

As required by Rule 12b-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, new certifications by TDS's principal executive officer and principal financial officer are being filed with this Form 10-Q/A as Exhibits 31.1, 31.2, 32.1 and 32.2.

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TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC.

QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q/A

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATIONITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTSTELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIESCONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONSUnaudited

|   | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2006<br/>(As Restated)</b> |                   | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2006<br/>(As Restated)</b> |                   |
|---|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
|   | <b>2005<br/>(As Restated)</b>                                     |                   | <b>2005<br/>(As Restated)</b>                                   |                   |
|   | <b>(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</b>           |                   |   |                   |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>   | \$ 1,068,687  | \$ 967,948        | \$ 2,127,764  | \$ 1,901,910      |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>   |   |                   |   |                   |
| Cost of services and products (exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion expense shown below) | 369,559   | 341,993           | 745,865   | 685,810           |
| Selling, general and administrative expense   | 411,366   | 352,707           | 803,987   | 697,779           |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense  | 180,453   | 167,911           | 363,419   | 338,052           |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>   | <b>961,378</b>  | <b>862,611</b>    | <b>1,913,271</b>  | <b>1,721,641</b>  |
| <b>Operating Income</b>   | <b>107,309</b>  | <b>105,337</b>    | <b>214,493</b>  | <b>180,269</b>    |
| <b>Investment and Other Income (Expense)</b>  |   |                   |   |                   |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities   | 22,491  | 17,741            | 42,296  | 32,492            |
| Interest and dividend income  | 146,545   | 119,192           | 158,028   | 127,310           |
| Interest expense  | (59,288)  | (54,532)          | (117,820)   | (106,388)         |
| Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments   | (11,768)  | 164,323           | (11,738)  | 499,723           |
| Gain on investments   | 91,418  |                   | 91,418  | 500               |
| Other expense   | (941)   | (6,802)           | (1,868)   | (11,076)          |
| <b>Total Investment and Other Income</b>  | <b>188,457</b>  | <b>239,922</b>    | <b>160,316</b>  | <b>542,561</b>    |
| <b>Income Before Income Taxes and Minority Interest</b>   | <b>295,766</b>  | <b>345,259</b>    | <b>374,809</b>  | <b>722,830</b>    |
| Income tax expense  | 117,186   | 140,090           | 149,528   | 288,490           |
| <b>Income Before Minority Interest</b>  | <b>178,580</b>  | <b>205,169</b>    | <b>225,281</b>  | <b>434,340</b>    |
| Minority share of income  | (11,821)  | (11,190)          | (22,525)  | (16,800)          |
| <b>Net Income</b>   | <b>166,759</b>  | <b>193,979</b>    | <b>202,756</b>  | <b>417,540</b>    |
| Preferred dividend requirement  | (50)  | (52)              | (101)   | (102)             |
| <b>Net Income Available To Common</b>   | <b>\$ 166,709</b>   | <b>\$ 193,927</b> | <b>\$ 202,655</b>   | <b>\$ 417,438</b> |
| <b>Basic Weighted Average Shares Outstanding (000s)</b>   | <b>115,768</b>  | <b>115,224</b>    | <b>115,754</b>  | <b>115,112</b>    |
| <b>Basic Earnings Per Share (Note 7)</b>  | <b>\$ 1.44</b>  | <b>\$ 1.68</b>    | <b>\$ 1.75</b>  | <b>\$ 3.63</b>    |
| <b>Diluted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding (000s)</b>   | <b>116,640</b>  | <b>115,959</b>    | <b>116,576</b>  | <b>115,926</b>    |
| <b>Diluted Earnings Per Share (Note 7)</b>  | <b>\$ 1.43</b>  | <b>\$ 1.67</b>    | <b>\$ 1.73</b>  | <b>\$ 3.60</b>    |

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|                            |    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |
|----------------------------|----|--------|----|--------|----|-------|----|-------|
| <b>Dividends Per Share</b> | \$ | 0.0925 | \$ | 0.0875 | \$ | 0.185 | \$ | 0.175 |
|----------------------------|----|--------|----|--------|----|-------|----|-------|

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWSUnaudited

|   | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                 |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|
|   | 2006                         | 2005            |
|   | (As Restated)                |                 |
|   | (Dollars in thousands)       |                 |
| <b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>   |                              |                 |
| Net income  | \$ 202,756                   | \$ 417,540      |
| Add (Deduct) adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities |                              |                 |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion  | 363,419                      | 338,052         |
| Bad debts expense   | 26,465                       | 17,764          |
| Stock-based compensation expense  | 14,653                       | 4,086           |
| Deferred income taxes   | (41,091)                     | 195,198         |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities   | (42,296)                     | (32,492)        |
| Distributions from unconsolidated entities  | 37,399                       | 27,914          |
| Minority share of income  | 22,525                       | 16,800          |
| Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments   | 11,738                       | (499,723)       |
| (Gain) loss on investments  | (91,418)                     | (500)           |
| Noncash interest expense  | 10,705                       | 10,129          |
| Other noncash expense   | 3,631                        | 5,558           |
| Changes in assets and liabilities   |                              |                 |
| Change in accounts receivable   | (41,637)                     | (28,171)        |
| Change in materials and supplies  | 10,503                       | 22,020          |
| Change in accounts payable  | (47,956)                     | (46,303)        |
| Change in customer deposits and deferred revenues   | 5,346                        | 8,339           |
| Change in accrued taxes   | 67,233                       | 76,878          |
| Change in other assets and liabilities  | (32,485)                     | (17,759)        |
|   | 479,490                      | 515,330         |
| <b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>   |                              |                 |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment  | (330,294)                    | (304,383)       |
| Cash received from divestitures   | 722                          | 500             |
| Cash paid for acquisitions  | (18,546)                     | (126,033)       |
| Sales of investments  | 102,549                      |                 |
| Other investing activities  | (2,887)                      | (1,271)         |
|   | (248,456)                    | (431,187)       |
| <b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>   |                              |                 |
| Issuance of notes payable   | 195,000                      | 310,000         |
| Issuance of long-term debt  | 560                          | 112,881         |
| Repayment of notes payable  | (225,000)                    | (290,000)       |
| Repayment of long-term debt   | (1,586)                      | (240,752)       |
| Repayment of medium-term notes  | (35,000)                     | (17,200)        |
| TDS Common Shares and Special Common Shares issued for benefit plans                          | 3,047                        | 12,663          |
| U.S. Cellular Common Shares issued for benefit plans  | 3,856                        | 14,012          |
| Capital (distributions) to minority partners  | (7,613)                      | (810)           |
| Dividends paid  | (21,498)                     | (20,259)        |
| Other financing activities  | 750                          | (6)             |
|   | (87,484)                     | (119,471)       |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>                                   | <b>143,550</b>               | <b>(35,328)</b> |

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

|                     |              |              |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Beginning of period | 1,095,791    | 1,171,105    |
| End of period       | \$ 1,239,341 | \$ 1,135,777 |

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETSASSETSUnaudited

|  | <b>June 30,<br/>2006<br/>(As Restated)<br/>(Dollars in thousands)</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2005<br/>(As Restated)</b> |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Current Assets</b>  |   |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 1,239,341  | \$ 1,095,791                                   |
| Accounts receivable  |   |  |
| Due from customers, less allowance of \$14,033 and \$15,200, respectively                    | 339,627   | 332,278  |
| Other, principally connecting companies, less allowance of \$7,831 and \$5,620, respectively | 165,553   | 157,182  |
| Marketable equity securities   | 272,938   |  |
| Materials and supplies   | 93,922  | 103,211  |
| Prepaid expenses   | 53,688  | 41,746   |
| Deferred income tax asset  |   | 13,438   |
| Other current assets   | 24,458  | 34,774   |
|  | <b>2,189,527</b>  | <b>1,778,420</b>                               |
| <b>Investments</b>   |   |  |
| Marketable equity securities   | 2,176,706   | 2,531,690                                      |
| Licenses   | 1,370,369   | 1,365,063                                      |
| Goodwill   | 886,476   | 882,168  |
| Customer lists, net of accumulated amortization of \$56,323 and \$44,616, respectively       | 37,998  | 47,649   |
| Investments in unconsolidated entities   | 222,187   | 217,180  |
| Other investments, less valuation allowance of \$55,144 in both periods                      | 11,760  | 12,274   |
|  | <b>4,705,496</b>  | <b>5,056,024</b>                               |
| <b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>   |   |  |
| In service and under construction  | 7,431,878   | 7,131,977                                      |
| Less accumulated depreciation  | 3,907,694   | 3,602,217                                      |
|  | <b>3,524,184</b>  | <b>3,529,760</b>                               |
| <b>Other Assets and Deferred Charges</b>   | <b>56,231</b>   | <b>55,830</b>                                  |
|  | <b>\$ 10,475,438</b>  | <b>\$ 10,420,034</b>                           |

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.



CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETSLIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITYUnaudited

|  | June 30,<br>2006<br>(As Restated)<br>(Dollars in thousands) | December 31,<br>2005<br>(As Restated) |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>   |   |                                       |
| Current portion of long-term debt  | \$ 203,091  | \$ 237,948                            |
| Forward contracts  | 179,832   |                                       |
| Notes payable  | 105,000   | 135,000                               |
| Accounts payable   | 312,512   | 359,934                               |
| Customer deposits and deferred revenues  | 132,362   | 126,454                               |
| Accrued interest   | 29,212  | 28,946                                |
| Accrued taxes  | 112,663   | 46,061                                |
| Accrued compensation   | 54,495  | 67,443                                |
| Derivative liability   | 50,828  |                                       |
| Deferred income tax liability  | 44,669  |                                       |
| Other current liabilities  | 74,497  | 63,539                                |
|  | 1,299,161   | 1,065,325                             |
| <b>Deferred Liabilities and Credits</b>  |   |                                       |
| Net deferred income tax liability  | 1,195,527   | 1,337,716                             |
| Derivative liability   | 413,054   | 449,192                               |
| Asset retirement obligation  | 200,529   | 190,382                               |
| Other deferred liabilities and credits   | 108,873   | 107,924                               |
|  | 1,917,983   | 2,085,214                             |
| <b>Long-Term Debt</b>  |   |                                       |
| Long-term debt, excluding current portion  | 1,632,577   | 1,633,519                             |
| Forward contracts  | 1,536,563   | 1,707,282                             |
|  | 3,169,140   | 3,340,801                             |
| <b>Commitments and Contingencies (See Note 21)</b>   |   |                                       |
| <b>Minority Interest in Subsidiaries</b>   | 566,881   | 546,833                               |
| <b>Preferred Shares</b>  | 3,863   | 3,863                                 |
| <b>Common Stockholders Equity</b>  |   |                                       |
| Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 100,000,000 shares; issued 56,503,000 and 56,481,000 shares, respectively                       | 565   | 565                                   |
| Special Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 165,000,000 shares, issued 62,887,000 and 62,868,000 shares, respectively               | 629   | 629                                   |
| Series A Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 25,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 6,446,000 and 6,440,000 shares; respectively | 64  | 64                                    |
| Capital in excess of par value   | 1,837,354   | 1,828,634                             |
| Treasury Shares, at cost:  |   |                                       |
| Common Shares, 5,071,000 and 5,105,000 shares, respectively  | (207,524)   | (208,156)                             |
| Special Common Shares 5,105,000 and 5,128,000 shares, respectively   | (209,421)   | (210,600)                             |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income   | 312,264   | 363,641                               |
| Retained earnings  | 1,784,479   | 1,603,221                             |

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| 3,518,410     | 3,377,998     |
| \$ 10,475,438 | \$ 10,420,034 |

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Presentation

The accounting policies of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ( TDS ) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( U.S. GAAP ). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of TDS and its majority-owned subsidiaries, including TDS's 81.2%-owned wireless telephone subsidiary, United States Cellular Corporation ( U.S. Cellular ), TDS's 100%-owned wireline telephone subsidiary, TDS Telecommunications Corporation ( TDS Telecom ) and TDS's 80%-owned printing and distribution company, Suttle Straus, Inc. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include all entities in which TDS has a variable interest that requires TDS to absorb a majority of the entity's expected gains or losses, or both. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

The consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by TDS, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ). Certain information and disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. However, TDS believes that the information and disclosures included herein are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. It is suggested that these consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in TDS's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005 ( Form 10-K/A ).

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring items unless otherwise disclosed) necessary to present fairly the financial position as of June 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, and the results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 and the cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005. The results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

**Restatement**

TDS and its audit committee concluded on November 6, 2006, that TDS would amend its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 to restate its consolidated financial statements and financial information for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005, including quarterly information for 2005 and 2004, and certain selected financial data for 2002. TDS and its audit committee also concluded that TDS would amend its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 to restate the consolidated financial statements and financial information included therewith.

The restatement adjustments are described below.

- **Forward contracts and related derivative instruments** - In reviewing the accounting and disclosure of its prepaid forward contracts, TDS concluded that its continued designation of the embedded collars within the forward contracts as cash flow hedges of marketable equity securities was not appropriate. TDS did not contemporaneously de-designate, re-designate, and assess hedge effectiveness when the embedded collars were contractually modified for differences between the actual and expected dividend rates on the underlying securities in 2004, 2003 and 2002. As a result, the embedded collars no longer qualified for cash flow hedge accounting treatment upon the modification of the terms of the collars for changes in dividend rates and, from that point forward, must be accounted for as derivative instruments that do not qualify for cash flow hedge accounting treatment. Accordingly, all changes in the fair value of the embedded collars from the time of the contractual modification of each collar must be recognized in the statement of operations. The restatement adjustments represent reclassifications of unrealized gains or losses related to changes in the fair value of the embedded collars from other comprehensive income or loss, included in common stockholders' equity, to the statement of operations.

- Expense reclassifications - Certain prior period amounts, primarily labor, maintenance, rent and utilities expenses at the competitive local exchange carriers ( CLEC ), previously reported in selling, general and administrative expense have been corrected to properly reflect the classification of the expenses in cost of service and products in the current period. Certain expenses, primarily universal service costs, at both the incumbent local exchange carriers ( ILEC ) and the CLEC previously reported in cost of service and products have been adjusted to properly reflect the classification of the expenses in selling, general and administrative expense. For the ILEC, cost of services and products decreased by \$1.7 million and \$3.3 million with a corresponding increase in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. For the CLEC, cost of services and products increased by \$5.9 million and \$11.7 million with a corresponding decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. On a TDS consolidated basis, cost of services and products increased by \$4.2 million and \$8.4 million with a corresponding decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. The adjustments did not affect previously reported revenues, operating income or net income.
- Establishment of an Asset Retirement Obligation ( ARO ) - Upon initial implementation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 143 Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations ( SFAS No. 143 ) in 2003, TDS Telecom's ILEC operations concluded that it was not necessary to record an ARO asset and corresponding regulatory liability of equal amount. TDS Telecom's ILECs have their rates regulated by the respective state public utility commissions and the Federal Communications Commission ( FCC ), and therefore, reflect the effects of the rate-making actions of these regulatory bodies in their financial statements. In 2002, the FCC notified carriers by Order that it would not be adopting SFAS No. 143 since the FCC concluded that SFAS No. 143 conflicted with the FCC's current accounting rules that require ILECs to accrue for asset retirement obligations through prescribed depreciation rates. Upon adoption of SFAS No. 143, and pursuant to the FCC's order and the provisions of SFAS No. 71 Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation, ( SFAS No.71 ) the ILECs reclassified their existing remediation liabilities, previously recorded in accumulated depreciation, to an ARO liability and a separate regulatory liability. Upon further review, TDS has concluded that upon adoption of SFAS No. 143, and in accordance with SFAS No. 71, it should have recognized an ARO asset and a corresponding ARO liability, rather than establish the ARO liability through a reclassification of its existing remediation liabilities. The impact of establishing the ARO asset increased Property, Plant and Equipment and the corresponding ARO liability by \$26.8 million and \$27.3 million as of June 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively. The adjustment did not affect previously reported revenues, operating income or net income (loss).
- Contracts with maintenance and support services - U.S. Cellular entered into certain equipment and software contracts that included maintenance and support services. In one case, U.S. Cellular did not properly allocate expenditures between equipment purchases and maintenance and support services. In other cases, U.S. Cellular did not properly record fees for maintenance and support services over the specified term of the agreement. The restatement adjustments properly record property, plant and equipment, related depreciation expense and fees for maintenance and support services in the correct periods.
- Classification of Asset Retirement Obligation on the Statement of Cash Flows - The additions to property, plant and equipment and other deferred liabilities representing additional asset retirement obligations ( ARO ) should be treated as non-cash items in the statement of cash flows. From 2004 through the second quarter of 2006, U.S. Cellular included additional ARO liabilities as a change in other assets and liabilities in cash flows from operating activities and the increase in the ARO asset balance as a capital expenditure in cash flows from investing activities resulting in an overstatement of cash flows from operating activities and an overstatement of cash flows required by investing activities. In the restatement, adjustments were recorded in the statement of cash flows to offset the change in ARO liabilities against the ARO asset. The reduction in the change in other assets and liabilities in cash flows from

operating activities and the reduction in additions to property, plant and equipment in cash flows from investing activities totaled \$3.4 million and \$2.3 million in the six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

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- Income taxes** In the restatement, TDS adjusted its income tax expense, income taxes payable, goodwill, deferred income tax assets and liabilities and related disclosures for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, 2003 and 2002 for items identified based on its annual analysis reconciling its 2005 income tax expense and income tax balance sheet accounts as determined in its comparison of the 2005 year-end income tax provision to the 2005 federal and state income tax returns. These adjustments included corrections for certain accounts that had not previously been included in the financial reporting basis used in determining the cumulative temporary differences in computing deferred income tax assets and liabilities, as well as adjustments to certain cumulative temporary differences that had historically been incorrectly associated with operating license assets which, in this restatement, have been correctly classified as investments in partnership assets. Accordingly, the company has adjusted the deferred tax liabilities related to these assets. Goodwill was adjusted by \$10.2 million to record the income tax effect of the difference between the financial reporting basis and the income tax basis of certain acquisitions made prior to 2004.

TDS determined that the state deferred tax liabilities attributable to marketable equity securities, as presented in prior periods, should have been lower to reflect carryover of a higher stock basis than the federal basis for certain states that have not adopted the federal consolidated return regulations. TDS also identified a valuation allowance related to state net operating loss carry forwards for which deferred tax liabilities related to marketable equity securities provide positive evidence supporting reductions to previously established valuation allowances.

- Cash and interest income** In reviewing cash accounts, it was determined that cash and interest income were overstated in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and six months ended June 30, 2006. In the restatement, TDS corrected the overstatement by reducing cash and interest income.
- Property, plant and equipment** U.S. Cellular did not properly record certain transfers and disposals of equipment removed from service. Also, U.S. Cellular did not properly record depreciation expense for certain leasehold improvements and other equipment due to the use of incorrect asset lives. The restatement adjustments properly record equipment disposals and depreciation expense in the correct amounts and periods.
- Other items** In addition to the adjustments described above, TDS recorded a number of other adjustments to correct and record revenues, expenses and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities in the periods in which such revenues, expenses and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities were earned or incurred. Adjustments were also made to correct certain balance sheet amounts, including \$2.1 million corrections to purchase price accounting for certain acquisitions prior to 2003. These individual adjustments were not material.

The table below summarizes the impacts of the restatement on income before income taxes and minority interest.

|  | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2006</b>   |                | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2006</b> |                |
|--|---|----------------|---|----------------|
|  | <b>2005</b>                                       | <b>2005</b>    | <b>2005</b>                                   | <b>2005</b>    |
|  | <b>(Increase (decrease) dollars in thousands)</b> |                |   |                |
| Income Before Income Taxes and Minority Interest, as previously reported | \$ 306,524  | \$ 183,171     | \$ 392,617                                    | \$ 229,378     |
| Forward contracts and related derivative instruments                     | (12,169 )   | 164,229        | (12,564 )                                     | 499,676        |
| Contracts with maintenance and support services                          | 198   | (138 )         | 339   | (335 )         |
| Interest income  |   |                | (4,754 )                                      |                |
| Property, plant and equipment  | 1,511   | 317            | 3,111   | 77             |
| Other items  | (298 )  | (2,320 )       | (3,940 )                                      | (5,966 )       |
| <b>Total adjustment</b>  | <b>(10,758 )</b>                                  | <b>162,088</b> | <b>(17,808 )</b>                              | <b>493,452</b> |
| Income Before Income Taxes and Minority Interest, as restated            | \$ 295,766  | \$ 345,259     | \$ 374,809                                    | \$ 722,830     |



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The table below summarizes the net income and diluted earnings per share impacts from the restatement.

|  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006   |                                  |                    |                                  | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006 |                                  |                    |                                  |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
|  | Net Income<br>(Increase (decrease)<br>dollars in thousands,<br>except per share amounts) | Diluted<br>Earnings<br>Per Share | 2005<br>Net Income | Diluted<br>Earnings<br>Per Share | Net Income                           | Diluted<br>Earnings<br>Per Share | 2005<br>Net Income | Diluted<br>Earnings<br>Per Share |
| As previously reported                                     | \$ 172,467   | \$ 1.48                          | \$ 97,056          | \$ 0.83                          | \$ 212,342                           | \$ 1.82                          | \$ 120,105         | \$ 1.03                          |
| Forward contracts and<br>related derivative<br>instruments | (7,274 )   | (0.07 )                          | 97,405             | 0.85                             | (7,946 )                             | (0.07 )                          | 299,325            | 2.58                             |
| Contracts with<br>maintenance and<br>support services      | 101  |                                  | (56 )              |                                  | 176                                  |                                  | (140 )             |                                  |
| Income taxes   | 679  | 0.01                             | 549                |                                  | 1,358                                | 0.01                             | 1,098              | 0.01                             |
| Interest income  |  |                                  |                    |                                  | (2,876 )                             | (0.02 )                          |                    |                                  |
| Property, plant and<br>equipment                           | 710  | 0.01                             | 151                |                                  | 1,464                                | 0.01                             | 42                 |                                  |
| Other items  | 76   |                                  | (1,126 )           | (0.01 )                          | (1,762 )                             | (0.02 )                          | (2,890 )           | (0.02 )                          |
| Total adjustment   | (5,708 )   | (0.05 )                          | 96,923             | 0.84                             | (9,586 )                             | (0.09 )                          | 297,435            | 2.57                             |
| As restated  | \$ 166,759   | \$ 1.43                          | \$ 193,979         | \$ 1.67                          | \$ 202,756                           | \$ 1.73                          | \$ 417,540         | \$ 3.60                          |



The effect of the restatement on the previously reported Consolidated Statements of Operations is as follows:

|   | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, 2006 |                | June 30, 2005                |                |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
|   | As Previously<br>Reported           | As<br>Restated | As<br>Previously<br>Reported | As<br>Restated |
| (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)  |                                     |                |                              |                |
| Operating Revenues  | \$ 1,065,910                        | \$ 1,068,687   | \$ 969,859                   | \$ 967,948     |
| Operating Expenses  |                                     |                |                              |                |
| Cost of service and products (exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion shown separately below) | 369,559                             | 369,559        | 341,830                      | 341,993        |
| Selling, general and administrative expense   | 410,468                             | 411,366        | 352,127                      | 352,707        |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense  | 179,985                             | 180,453        | 168,575                      | 167,911        |
| Total Operating Expenses  | 960,012                             | 961,378        | 862,532                      | 862,611        |
| Operating Income  | 105,898                             | 107,309        | 107,327                      | 105,337        |
| Investment and Other Income (Expense)   |                                     |                |                              |                |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities   | 22,491                              | 22,491         | 18,188                       | 17,741         |
| Interest and dividend income  | 146,545                             | 146,545        | 118,896                      | 119,192        |
| Interest expense  | (59,288 )                           | (59,288 )      | (54,532 )                    | (54,532 )      |
| Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments   | 401                                 | (11,768 )      | 94                           | 164,323        |
| Gain on investments   | 91,418                              | 91,418         |                              |                |
| Other income (expense), net   | (941 )                              | (941 )         | (6,802 )                     | (6,802 )       |
| Total Investment and Other Income (Expense)   | 200,626                             | 188,457        | 75,844                       | 239,922        |
| Income before Income Taxes and Minority Interest  | 306,524                             | 295,766        | 183,171                      | 345,259        |
| Income tax expense  | 122,118                             | 117,186        | 76,980                       | 140,090        |
| Income Before Minority Interest   | 184,406                             | 178,580        | 106,191                      | 205,169        |
| Minority share of income  | (11,939 )                           | (11,821 )      | (9,135 )                     | (11,190 )      |
| Net Income (Loss)   | 172,467                             | 166,759        | 97,056                       | 193,979        |
| Preferred dividend requirement  | (50 )                               | (50 )          | (52 )                        | (52 )          |
| Net Income Available to Common  | \$ 172,417                          | \$ 166,709     | \$ 97,004                    | \$ 193,927     |
| Basic Earnings per Share  | \$ 1.49                             | \$ 1.44        | \$ 0.84                      | \$ 1.68        |
| Diluted Earnings per Share  | \$ 1.48                             | \$ 1.43        | \$ 0.83                      | \$ 1.67        |

|   | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, 2006 |                | June 30, 2005             |                |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|   | As Previously<br>Reported         | As<br>Restated | As Previously<br>Reported | As<br>Restated |
| (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)  |                                   |                |                           |                |
| Operating Revenues  | \$ 2,126,222                      | \$ 2,127,764   | \$ 1,905,646              | \$ 1,901,910   |
| Operating Expenses  |                                   |                |                           |                |
| Cost of service and products (exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion shown separately below) | 747,402                           | 745,865        | 684,576                   | 685,810        |
| Selling, general and administrative expense   | 801,185                           | 803,987        | 696,576                   | 697,779        |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense  | 362,652                           | 363,419        | 338,323                   | 338,052        |
| Total Operating Expenses  | 1,911,239                         | 1,913,271      | 1,719,475                 | 1,721,641      |
| Operating Income  | 214,983                           | 214,493        | 186,171                   | 180,269        |
| Investment and Other Income (Expense)   |                                   |                |                           |                |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities   | 42,296                            | 42,296         | 32,942                    | 32,492         |
| Interest and dividend income  | 162,782                           | 158,028        | 127,182                   | 127,310        |
| Interest expense  | (117,820)                         | (117,820)      | (106,388)                 | (106,388)      |
| Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments   | 826                               | (11,738)       | 47                        | 499,723        |
| Gain on investments   | 91,418                            | 91,418         | 500                       | 500            |
| Other income (expense), net   | (1,868)                           | (1,868)        | (11,076)                  | (11,076)       |
| Total Investment and Other Income (Expense)   | 177,634                           | 160,316        | 43,207                    | 542,561        |
| Income before Income Taxes and Minority Interest  | 392,617                           | 374,809        | 229,378                   | 722,830        |
| Income tax expense  | 158,086                           | 149,528        | 94,375                    | 288,490        |
| Income before Minority Interest   | 234,531                           | 225,281        | 135,003                   | 434,340        |
| Minority share of income  | (22,189)                          | (22,525)       | (14,898)                  | (16,800)       |
| Net Income  | 212,342                           | 202,756        | 120,105                   | 417,540        |
| Preferred dividend requirement  | (101)                             | (101)          | (102)                     | (102)          |
| Net Income Available to Common  | \$ 212,241                        | \$ 202,655     | \$ 120,003                | \$ 417,438     |
| Basic Earnings per Share  | \$ 1.83                           | \$ 1.75        | \$ 1.04                   | \$ 3.63        |
| Diluted Earnings per Share  | \$ 1.82                           | \$ 1.73        | \$ 1.03                   | \$ 3.60        |

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The effect of the restatement on the previously reported Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows is as follows:

|   | <b>Six Months Ended</b>       |                 |                   |                 |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|   | <b>June 30,</b>               |                 |                   |                 |
|   | <b>2006</b>                   | <b>2006</b>     | <b>2005</b>       | <b>2005</b>     |
|   | <b>As</b>                     | <b>As</b>       | <b>As</b>         | <b>As</b>       |
|   | <b>Previously</b>             | <b>Restated</b> | <b>Previously</b> | <b>Restated</b> |
|   | <b>Reported</b>               | <b>Restated</b> | <b>Reported</b>   | <b>Restated</b> |
|   | <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b> |                 |                   |                 |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                               |                 |                   |                 |
| Net income  | \$ 212,342                    | \$ 202,756      | \$ 120,105        | \$ 417,540      |
| Add (Deduct) adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities |                               |                 |                   |                 |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion  | 362,652                       | 363,419         | 338,323           | 338,052         |
| Bad debts expense   | 26,465                        | 26,465          | 17,764            | 17,764          |
| Stock-based compensation expense  | 13,022                        | 14,653          | 4,086             | 4,086           |
| Deferred income taxes   | (32,531)                      | (41,091)        | 1,082             | 195,198         |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities   | (42,296)                      | (42,296)        | (32,942)          | (32,492)        |
| Distributions from unconsolidated entities  | 37,399                        | 37,399          | 28,210            | 27,914          |
| Minority share of income  | 22,189                        | 22,525          | 14,898            | 16,800          |
| Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments   | (826)                         | 11,738          | (47)              | (499,723)       |
| (Gain) loss on investments  | (91,418)                      | (91,418)        | (500)             | (500)           |
| Noncash interest expense  | 10,705                        | 10,705          | 10,129            | 10,129          |
| Other noncash expense   | 3,631                         | 3,631           | 5,558             | 5,558           |
| Changes in assets and liabilities   |                               |                 |                   |                 |
| Change in accounts receivable   | (39,668)                      | (41,637)        | (29,158)          | (28,171)        |
| Change in materials and supplies  | 10,503                        | 10,503          | 22,020            | 22,020          |
| Change in accounts payable  | (47,956)                      | (47,956)        | (46,352)          | (46,303)        |
| Change in customer deposits and deferred revenues   | 4,919                         | 5,346           | 5,261             | 8,339           |
| Change in accrued taxes   | 67,233                        | 67,233          | 76,878            | 76,878          |
| Change in other assets and liabilities  | (27,572)                      | (32,485)        | (16,963)          | (17,759)        |
|   | 488,793                       | 479,490         | 518,352           | 515,330         |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                               |                 |                   |                 |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment  | (334,843)                     | (330,294)       | (307,405)         | (304,383)       |
| Cash received from divestitures   | 722                           | 722             | 500               | 500             |
| Cash paid for acquisitions  | (18,546)                      | (18,546)        | (126,033)         | (126,033)       |
| Sales of investments  | 102,549                       | 102,549         |                   |                 |
| Other investing activities  | (2,887)                       | (2,887)         | (1,271)           | (1,271)         |
|   | (253,005)                     | (248,456)       | (434,209)         | (431,187)       |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>   |                               |                 |                   |                 |
| Issuance of notes payable   | 195,000                       | 195,000         | 310,000           | 310,000         |
| Issuance of long-term debt  | 560                           | 560             | 112,881           | 112,881         |
| Repayment of notes payable  | (225,000)                     | (225,000)       | (290,000)         | (290,000)       |
| Repayment of long-term debt   | (1,586)                       | (1,586)         | (240,752)         | (240,752)       |
| Repayment of medium-term notes  | (35,000)                      | (35,000)        | (17,200)          | (17,200)        |
| TDS Common Shares and Special Common Shares issued for benefit plans                          | 3,047                         | 3,047           | 12,663            | 12,663          |
| U.S. Cellular Common Shares issued for benefit plans  | 3,856                         | 3,856           | 14,012            | 14,012          |
| Capital (distributions) to minority partners  | (7,613)                       | (7,613)         | (810)             | (810)           |
| Dividends paid  | (21,498)                      | (21,498)        | (20,259)          | (20,259)        |
| Other financing activities  | 750                           | 750             | (6)               | (6)             |
|   | (87,484)                      | (87,484)        | (119,471)         | (119,471)       |
| <b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>                                   | <b>148,304</b>                | <b>143,550</b>  | <b>(35,328)</b>   | <b>(35,328)</b> |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>  |                               |                 |                   |                 |

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|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Beginning of period | 1,095,791    | 1,095,791    | 1,171,105    | 1,171,105    |
| End of period       | \$ 1,244,095 | \$ 1,239,341 | \$ 1,135,777 | \$ 1,135,777 |

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The effect of the restatement on the previously reported Consolidated Balance Sheets is as follows:

|   | <b>June 30,<br/>2006<br/>As Previously<br/>Reported<br/>(Dollars in thousands)</b> | <b>2006<br/>As<br/>Restated</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2005<br/>As Previously<br/>Reported</b> | <b>2005<br/>As<br/>Restated</b> |
|---|--|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                           |  |                                 |   |                                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                       | \$ 1,244,095   | \$ 1,239,341                    | \$ 1,095,791  | \$ 1,095,791                    |
| Accounts receivable                             |  |                                 |   |                                 |
| Due from customers                              | 343,353  | 339,627                         | 336,005   | 332,278                         |
| Other, principally connecting companies         | 166,979  | 165,553                         | 160,577   | 157,182                         |
| Marketable equity securities                    | 272,938  | 272,938                         |   |                                 |
| Materials and supplies, at average cost         | 93,922   | 93,922                          | 103,211   | 103,211                         |
| Prepaid expenses                                | 52,747   | 53,688                          | 40,704  | 41,746                          |
| Deferred income tax asset                       |  |                                 | 13,438  | 13,438                          |
| Other current assets                            | 24,458   | 24,458                          | 29,243  | 34,774                          |
|   | 2,198,492  | 2,189,527                       | 1,778,969   | 1,778,420                       |
| <b>INVESTMENTS</b>                              |  |                                 |   |                                 |
| Marketable equity securities                    | 2,176,706  | 2,176,706                       | 2,531,690   | 2,531,690                       |
| Licenses  | 1,370,369  | 1,370,369                       | 1,365,063   | 1,365,063                       |
| Goodwill  | 874,100  | 886,476                         | 869,792   | 882,168                         |
| Customer lists, net of accumulated amortization | 45,117   | 37,998                          | 49,318  | 47,649                          |
| Investments in unconsolidated entities          | 220,430  | 222,187                         | 215,424   | 217,180                         |
| Other investments                               | 11,760   | 11,760                          | 12,274  | 12,274                          |
|   | 4,698,482  | 4,705,496                       | 5,043,561   | 5,056,024                       |
| <b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET</b>       |  |                                 |   |                                 |
| In service and under construction               | 7,441,768  | 7,431,878                       | 7,140,447   | 7,131,977                       |
| Less accumulated depreciation                   | 3,924,149  | 3,907,694                       | 3,614,242   | 3,602,217                       |
|   | 3,517,619  | 3,524,184                       | 3,526,205   | 3,529,760                       |
| <b>OTHER ASSETS AND DEFERRED CHARGES</b>        | 56,231   | 56,231                          | 55,830  | 55,830                          |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                             | <b>\$ 10,470,824</b>   | <b>\$ 10,475,438</b>            | <b>\$ 10,404,565</b>  | <b>\$ 10,420,034</b>            |

|   | June 30,<br>2006<br>As<br>Previously<br>Reported<br>(Dollars in thousands) | 2006<br>As<br>Restated | December 31,<br>2005<br>As<br>Previously<br>Reported | 2005<br>As<br>Restated |
|---|--|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                        |  |                        |  |                        |
| Current portion of long-term debt                 | \$ 203,091   | \$ 203,091             | \$ 237,948   | \$ 237,948             |
| Forward contracts                                 | 179,832  | 179,832                |  |                        |
| Notes payable                                     | 105,000  | 105,000                | 135,000  | 135,000                |
| Accounts payable                                  | 309,851  | 312,512                | 357,273  | 359,934                |
| Customer deposits and deferred revenues           | 126,709  | 132,362                | 121,228  | 126,454                |
| Accrued interest                                  | 29,212   | 29,212                 | 28,946   | 28,946                 |
| Accrued taxes                                     | 119,310  | 112,663                | 47,180   | 46,061                 |
| Accrued compensation                              | 54,495   | 54,495                 | 67,443   | 67,443                 |
| Derivative liability                              | 50,828   | 50,828                 |  |                        |
| Deferred income tax liability                     | 44,669   | 44,669                 |  |                        |
| Other current liabilities                         | 71,936   | 74,497                 | 61,086   | 63,539                 |
|   | 1,294,933  | 1,299,161              | 1,056,104  | 1,065,325              |
| <b>DEFERRED LIABILITIES AND CREDITS</b>           |  |                        |  |                        |
| Net deferred income tax liability                 | 1,244,331  | 1,195,527              | 1,383,031  | 1,337,716              |
| Derivative liability                              | 413,054  | 413,054                | 449,192  | 449,192                |
| Asset retirement obligation                       | 173,779  | 200,529                | 163,093  | 190,382                |
| Other deferred liabilities and credits            | 107,532  | 108,873                | 104,984  | 107,924                |
|   | 1,938,696  | 1,917,983              | 2,100,300  | 2,085,214              |
| <b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>                             |  |                        |  |                        |
| Long-term debt, excluding current portion         | 1,632,577  | 1,632,577              | 1,633,519  | 1,633,519              |
| Forward contracts                                 | 1,536,563  | 1,536,563              | 1,707,282  | 1,707,282              |
|   | 3,169,140  | 3,169,140              | 3,340,801  | 3,340,801              |
| <b>MINORITY INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES</b>          |  |                        |  |                        |
|   | 573,041  | 566,881                | 552,884  | 546,833                |
| <b>PREFERRED SHARES</b>                           |  |                        |  |                        |
|   | 3,863  | 3,863                  | 3,863  | 3,863                  |
| <b>COMMON STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>                 |  |                        |  |                        |
| Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share          | 565  | 565                    | 565  | 565                    |
| Special Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share  | 629  | 629                    | 629  | 629                    |
| Series A Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share | 64   | 64                     | 64   | 64                     |
| Additional paid-in capital                        | 1,833,617  | 1,837,354              | 1,826,420  | 1,828,634              |
| Common Shares                                     | (207,524 )   | (207,524 )             | (208,156 )   | (208,156 )             |
| Special Common Shares                             | (209,421 )   | (209,421 )             | (210,600 )   | (210,600 )             |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income            | 249,694  | 312,264                | 309,009  | 363,641                |
| Retained earnings                                 | 1,823,527  | 1,784,479              | 1,632,682  | 1,603,221              |
|   | 3,491,151  | 3,518,410              | 3,350,613  | 3,377,998              |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>  |  |                        |  |                        |
|   | \$ 10,470,824  | \$ 10,475,438          | \$ 10,404,565  | \$ 10,420,034          |

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### Change in Accounting Principle Stock-Based Compensation

TDS has established long-term incentive plans, employee stock purchase plans, dividend reinvestment plans, and a non-employee director compensation plan which are described more fully in Note 3 Stock-Based Compensation. Prior to January 1, 2006, TDS accounted for these plans under the recognition and measurement provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees ( APB 25 ), and related interpretations, as permitted by Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation . Total stock-based employee compensation cost recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations under APB 25 was \$2.9 million and \$4.1 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, primarily for restricted stock unit and deferred compensation stock unit awards. No compensation cost was recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations under APB 25 for stock option awards for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, because all outstanding options granted had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The employee stock purchase plans and dividend reinvestment plans qualified as non-compensatory plans under APB 25; therefore, no compensation cost was recognized for these plans during the three and six months ended June 30, 2005.

Effective January 1, 2006, TDS adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment ( SFAS 123(R) ), using the modified prospective transition method. In addition, TDS applied the provisions of Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107 ( SAB 107 ), issued by the SEC in March 2005 in its adoption of SFAS 123(R). Under the modified prospective transition method, compensation cost recognized during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006 includes: (a) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS 123, and (b) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123(R). Results for prior periods have not been restated.

Under SFAS 123(R), the long-term incentive plans are considered compensatory plans; therefore, recognition of compensation costs for grants made under these plans is required.

Under SFAS 123(R), the employee stock purchase plans are considered compensatory plans; therefore, recognition of compensation costs for grants made under these plans is required. However, due to restrictions on activity under these plans that were in place during the six months ended June 30, 2006, no compensation expense was recognized during this period.

Under SFAS 123(R), the dividend reinvestment plans are not considered compensatory plans, therefore recognition of compensation costs for grants made under these plans is not required.

Upon adoption of SFAS 123(R), TDS elected to continue to value its share-based payment transactions using a Black-Scholes valuation model, which was previously used by TDS for purposes of preparing the pro forma disclosures under SFAS 123. Under the provisions of SFAS 123(R), stock-based compensation cost recognized during the period is based on the portion of the share-based payment awards that is ultimately expected to vest. Accordingly, stock-based compensation cost recognized in 2006 has been reduced for estimated forfeitures. SFAS 123(R) requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Pre-vesting forfeitures were estimated based on historical experience related to similar awards, giving consideration to the contractual terms of the stock-based awards, vesting schedules and expectations of future employee behavior. TDS believes that its historical experience is the best estimate of future expected life. In TDS 's pro forma information required under SFAS 123, TDS also reduced stock-based compensation cost for estimated forfeitures. The expected life assumption was determined based on TDS 's historical experience. For purposes of both SFAS 123 and SFAS 123(R), the expected volatility assumption was based on the historical volatility of TDS 's common stock. The dividend yield was included in the assumptions. The risk-free interest rate assumption was determined using the implied yield currently available for zero-coupon U.S. government issues with a remaining term equal to the expected life of the stock options.

Compensation cost for stock option awards granted after January 1, 2006 will be recognized over the respective requisite service period of the awards, which is generally the vesting period, on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for each separately vesting portion of the awards as if the awards were, in-substance, multiple awards (graded vesting attribution method), which is the same attribution method that was used by TDS for purposes of its pro forma disclosures under SFAS 123.

Certain employees were eligible for retirement at the time that compensatory stock options were granted. Under the terms of the TDS option agreements, options granted to these individuals do not vest upon retirement. Under the terms of the U.S. Cellular option agreements, options granted to these individuals will fully vest upon their retirement if they have reached the age of 65. Similarly, under the terms of TDS's restricted stock unit agreements, restricted stock units vest upon retirement if the employee has reached the age of 66. Under the terms of U.S. Cellular's restricted stock unit agreements, restricted stock units vest upon retirement if the employee has reached the age of 65. Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R), TDS used the nominal vesting method to recognize the pro forma stock-based compensation cost related to options and restricted stock units awarded to retirement-eligible employees. This method does not take into account the effect of early vesting due to the retirement of eligible employees. Upon adoption of SFAS 123(R), TDS adopted the non-substantive vesting method, which requires accelerated recognition of the entire cost of options granted to retirement-eligible employees over the period of time from the date of grant to the date such employees reach age 65. If the non-substantive vesting method had been applied in prior periods, the effect on previously disclosed pro forma stock-based compensation cost would not have been material.

On March 7, 2006, the TDS Compensation Committee approved amendments to stock option award agreements. The amendments modify current and future options to extend the exercise period until 30 days following (i) the lifting of a suspension if options otherwise would expire or be forfeited during the suspension period and (ii) the lifting of a blackout if options otherwise would expire or be forfeited during a blackout period. TDS temporarily suspended issuances of shares under the 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan between March 17, 2006 and October 10, 2006 as a consequence of late SEC filings. As required under the provisions of SFAS 123(R), TDS evaluated the impact of this plan modification and originally determined that the adjustment to stock based compensation was not material. However, in connection with the restatement discussed above, TDS further reviewed the accounting for the plan modification. Upon such further review, TDS determined that it should have recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$1.6 million in the three months ended March 31, 2006 as a result of this modification. TDS recognized \$0.0 million and \$1.6 million in stock-based compensation expense in the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, respectively, as a result of this modification.

#### Pension Plan

TDS sponsors a qualified noncontributory defined contribution pension plan. The plan provides benefits for the employees of TDS Corporate, TDS Telecom and U.S. Cellular. Under this plan, pension benefits and costs are calculated separately for each participant and are funded currently. Pension costs were \$4.4 million and \$7.9 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, respectively, and \$3.3 million and \$6.8 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively.

TDS also sponsors an unfunded non-qualified deferred supplemental executive retirement plan for certain employees which supplements the benefits under the qualified plan to offset the reduction of benefits caused by the limitation on annual employer contributions under the tax laws.



Other Postretirement Benefits

TDS sponsors two contributory defined benefit postretirement plans that cover most employees of TDS Corporate, TDS Telecom and the subsidiaries of TDS Telecom. One plan provides medical benefits and the other plan provides life insurance benefits.

Net periodic benefit costs for the defined benefit postretirement plans include the following components:

|  | Three Months Ended     |        | Six Months Ended |          |
|--|------------------------|--------|------------------|----------|
|  | June 30,<br>2006       | 2005   | June 30,<br>2006 | 2005     |
|  | (Dollars in thousands) |        |                  |          |
| Service Cost                               | \$ 545                 | \$ 553 | \$ 1,089         | \$ 1,106 |
| Interest on accumulated benefit obligation | 691                    | 659    | 1,383            | 1,318    |
| Expected return on plan assets             | (649 )                 | (558 ) | (1,297 )         | (1,116 ) |
| Amortization of:                           |                        |        |                  |          |
| Prior service cost                         | (207 )                 | (280 ) | (415 )           | (559 )   |
| Net loss                                   | 292                    | 289    | 584              | 577      |
| Net postretirement cost                    | \$ 672                 | \$ 663 | \$ 1,344         | \$ 1,326 |

TDS contributed \$5.3 million for its 2006 contribution to the postretirement plan assets.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) released Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements When Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements ( SAB 108 ), in September 2006. SAB 108 provides guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year financial statement misstatements should be considered in quantifying a current year misstatement. Prior practice allowed the evaluation of materiality on the basis of (1) the error quantified as the amount by which the current year income statement was misstated ( rollover method ) or (2) the cumulative error quantified as the cumulative amount by which the current year balance sheet was misstated ( iron curtain method ). Reliance on either method in prior years could have resulted in misstatement of the financial statements. The guidance provided in SAB 108 requires both methods to be used in evaluating materiality. Immaterial prior year errors may be corrected with the first filing of prior year financial statements after adoption. The cumulative effect of the correction would be reflected in the opening balance sheet with appropriate disclosure of the nature and amount of each individual error corrected in the cumulative adjustment, as well as a disclosure of the cause of the error and that the error had been deemed to be immaterial in the past. SAB 108 is effective for TDS 's opening balance sheet in 2007. TDS is currently evaluating the impact this Bulletin might have on its financial position or results of operations.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS 157 ). This Statement defines fair value as used in numerous accounting pronouncements, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ) and expands disclosure related to the use of fair value measures in financial statements. SFAS 157 does not expand the use of fair value measures in financial statements, but standardizes its definition and guidance in GAAP. The Standard emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement and not an entity-specific measurement based on an exchange transaction in which the entity sells an asset or transfers a liability (exit price). SFAS 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy from observable market data as the highest level to fair value based on an entity 's own fair value assumptions as the lowest level. The Statement is to be effective for TDS 's financial statements issued in 2008; however, earlier application is encouraged. TDS is currently evaluating the timing of adoption and the impact that adoption might have on its financial position or results of operations.

Also in September 2006, the FASB released Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans*, an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R) (SFAS 158). Under the new standard, companies must recognize a net liability or asset to report the funded status of their defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plans on their balance sheets. The recognition and disclosure provisions of SFAS 158 will be required to be adopted for TDS as of December 31, 2006. TDS is currently reviewing the requirements of SFAS 158 and has not yet determined the impact on its financial position or results of operations.

FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* (FIN 48), was issued in July 2006. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. The interpretation prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in an income tax return. It also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. TDS is currently reviewing the requirements of FIN 48 to determine the impact on its financial position or results of operations.

### 3. Stock-Based Compensation

As a result of adopting SFAS 123(R) on January 1, 2006, TDS's income before income taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, was \$4.0 million and \$9.2 million lower, respectively, than if it had continued to account for share-based compensation under APB 25. Similarly, as a result of adopting SFAS 123(R) on January 1, 2006, TDS's net income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, was \$2.0 million and \$4.6 million lower, basic earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006 was \$0.02 and \$0.04 lower, and diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006 was \$0.02 and \$0.04 lower, respectively, than if TDS had continued to account for stock-based compensation expense under APB 25.

#### Stock-Based Compensation Expense

For comparison, the following table illustrates the pro forma effect on net income and earnings per share had TDS applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123(R) to its stock-based employee compensation plans for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005:

| (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)   | Three months ended<br>June 30, 2005<br>(As Restated) | Six months ended<br>June 30, 2005<br>(As Restated) |
|--|--|--|
| Net income, as reported  | \$ 193,979   | \$ 417,540   |
| Add: Stock-based compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects and minority interest                            | 1,450  | 2,046  |
| Deduct: Stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects and minority interest | (6,886)  | (9,663)  |
| Pro forma net income   | \$ 188,543   | \$ 409,923   |
| Earnings per share:  |  |  |
| Basic as reported  | \$ 1.68  | \$ 3.63  |
| Basic pro forma  | 1.64   | 3.56   |
| Diluted as reported  | 1.67   | 3.60   |
| Diluted pro forma  | \$ 1.62  | \$ 3.53  |

Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R), TDS presented all tax benefits resulting from tax deductions associated with the exercise of stock options by employees as cash flows from operating activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. SFAS 123(R) requires that excess tax benefits be classified as cash flows from financing activities in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. For this purpose, the excess tax benefits are tax benefits related to the difference between the total tax deduction associated with the exercise of stock options by employees and the amount of compensation cost recognized for those options. For the six months ended June 30, 2006, excess tax benefits of \$0.4 million were included within Other Financing Activities of the Cash Flows from Financing Activities pursuant to this requirement of SFAS 123(R).

The following table summarizes stock-based compensation expense recognized during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006:

| (Amounts in thousands)                                      | Three months ended<br>June 30, 2006 | Six months ended<br>June 30, 2006 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Stock option awards   | \$ 4,038                            | \$ 9,166                          |
| Restricted stock unit awards                                | 3,336                               | 6,087                             |
| Deferred compensation matching stock unit awards            | (1,361)                             | (602)                             |
| Employee stock purchase plans                               |                                     |                                   |
| Awards under non-employee director's compensation plan      |                                     | 2                                 |
| Total stock-based compensation, before income taxes         | 6,013                               | 14,653                            |
| Income tax benefit  | (2,457)                             | (5,996)                           |
| Total stock-based compensation expense, net of income taxes | \$ 3,556                            | \$ 8,657                          |

At June 30, 2006, unrecognized compensation cost for all stock-based compensation awards was \$40.5 million. The unrecognized compensation cost for stock-based compensation awards at June 30, 2006 is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 0.8 years.

All stock-based compensation expense recognized during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006 was recorded in Selling, general and administrative expense.

## TDS

The information in this section relates to stock-based compensation plans utilizing the equity instruments of TDS. Participants in these plans are generally employees of TDS Corporate and TDS Telecom, although U.S. Cellular employees are eligible to participate in the TDS Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Information related to plans utilizing the equity instruments of U.S. Cellular are shown in the U.S. Cellular section following the TDS section.

Under the TDS 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan (and a predecessor plan), TDS may grant fixed and performance-based incentive and non-qualified stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, and deferred compensation stock unit awards to key employees. TDS had reserved 4,006,000 Common Shares and 11,893,000 Special Common Shares at June 30, 2006, for equity awards granted and to be granted under this plan. At June 30, 2006, the only types of awards outstanding are fixed non-qualified stock option awards, restricted stock unit awards, and deferred compensation stock unit awards. At June 30, 2006, TDS also had reserved 174,000 Common Shares and 323,000 Special Common Shares for issuance under the Automatic Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and 49,000 Series A Common Shares for issuance under the Series A Common Share Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan, and 185,000 Common Shares and 320,000 Special Common Shares under an employee stock purchase plan. The maximum number of TDS Common Shares, TDS Special Common Shares and TDS Series A Common Shares that may be issued to employees under all stock-based compensation plans in effect at June 30, 2006 was 4,365,000, 12,536,000 and 49,000 shares, respectively. TDS currently utilizes treasury stock to satisfy stock option exercises, issuances under its employee stock purchase plan, restricted stock unit awards and deferred compensation stock unit awards. TDS has also created a Non-Employee Directors Plan under which it has reserved 33,000 Common Shares and 75,000 Special Common Shares of TDS stock for issuance as compensation to members of the board of directors who are not employees of TDS.

**Stock Options** Stock options granted to key employees are exercisable over a specified period not in excess of ten years. Stock options generally vest over periods up to four years from the date of grant. Stock options outstanding at June 30, 2006 expire between 2006 and 2016. However, vested stock options typically expire 30 days after the effective date of an employee's termination of employment for reasons other than retirement. Employees who leave at the age of retirement have 90 days (or one year if they satisfy certain requirements) within which to exercise their vested stock options. The exercise price of the option generally equals the market value of TDS common stock on the date of grant.

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TDS granted 1,105,000 and 630,000 stock options during the three months ended June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2005, respectively. TDS granted 1,105,000 and 630,000 stock options during the six months ended June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2005, respectively. TDS estimates the fair value of stock options granted using the Black-Scholes valuation model. The fair value is then recognized as compensation cost on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period, for each separately vesting portion of the awards as if the awards were, in-substance, multiple awards, which is the same attribution method that was used by TDS for purposes of its pro forma disclosures under SFAS 123. TDS used the assumptions shown in the table below in valuing the options granted in 2006:

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Expected Life                    | 4.9 years |
| Expected Annual Volatility Rate  | 25.9 %    |
| Dividend Yield                   | 0.97 %    |
| Risk-free Interest Rate          | 4.8 %     |
| Estimated Annual Forfeiture Rate | 0.6 %     |

All TDS options outstanding at March 31, 2006 were granted prior to the distribution of the TDS Special Common Share Dividend in 2005, more fully described in TDS's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K. As a result of the Special Common Share Dividend, an employee will receive one Common Share and one Special Common Share per tandem option exercised. Each tandem option is exercisable at its original exercise price. TDS options granted after the distribution of the TDS Special Common Share Dividend will receive one Special Common Share per option exercised.

A summary of TDS stock options (total and portion exercisable) at June 30, 2006 and changes during the six months then ended is presented in the table and narrative below:

Tandem Options

|   | Number of Tandem Options(1) | Weighted Average Exercise Prices | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2005<br>(2,461,000 exercisable) | 2,701,000                   | \$ 73.85                         | 6.5 years                                   | \$ 36,166,000             |
| Granted   |                             |                                  |   |                           |
| Exercised   | 23,000                      | \$ 52.28                         |   | 466,000                   |
| Forfeited   | 14,000                      | \$ 57.17                         |   | 351,000                   |
| Expired   |                             |                                  |   |                           |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2006<br>(2,599,000 exercisable)     | 2,664,000                   | \$ 74.13                         | 6.0 years                                   | \$ 35,185,000             |

(1) Upon exercise, each tandem option is converted into one TDS Common Share and one TDS Special Common Share.

Special Common Share Options

|   | Number of Options(2) | Weighted Average Exercise Prices | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2005<br>(0 exercisable) |                      |                                  |   |                           |
| Granted   | 1,105,000            | \$ 38.01                         | 10.0 years                                  | \$ 988,000                |
| Exercised   |                      |                                  |   |                           |
| Forfeited   | 6,000                | 38.00                            |   | 5,000                     |
| Expired   |                      |                                  |   |                           |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2006<br>(0 exercisable)     | 1,099,000            | \$ 38.01                         | 10.0 years                                  | \$ 983,000                |

- (2) Upon exercise, each Special Common share option is converted into one TDS Special Common Share.

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total pretax intrinsic value (the difference between TDS's closing stock price on the last trading day of the period and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money options) that would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options on June 30, 2006. This amount will change in future periods based on the market price of TDS's stock. TDS received \$0 and \$1.2 million in cash from the exercise of stock options during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006.

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A summary of TDS's nonvested stock options at June 30, 2006 and changes during the six months then ended is presented in the tables that follow:

Tandem Options

|                                | Number of<br>Stock Options(1) | Weighted<br>Average<br>Fair Values of<br>Stock Options |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2005 | 240,000                       | \$ 21.67   |
| Granted                        |                               |  |
| Vested                         | 161,000                       | 20.07  |
| Forfeited                      | 14,000                        | 21.93  |
| Nonvested at June 30, 2006     | 65,000                        | \$ 25.55   |

(1) Upon exercise, each tandem stock option is converted into one TDS Common Share and one TDS Special Common Share.

Special Common Share Options

|                                | Number of<br>Stock Options(2) | Weighted<br>Average<br>Fair Values of<br>Stock Options |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2005 |                               |  |
| Granted                        | 1,105,000                     | \$ 11.00   |
| Vested                         |                               |  |
| Forfeited                      | 6,000                         | 11.00  |
| Nonvested at June 30, 2006     | 1,099,000                     | \$ 11.00   |

(2) Upon exercise, each Special Common share option is converted into one TDS Special Common Share.

**Restricted Stock Units** Beginning in April 2005, TDS granted restricted stock unit awards to key employees. These awards generally vest after three years. All TDS restricted stock units outstanding at March 31, 2006 were granted prior to the distribution of the TDS Special Common Share Dividend in 2005. As a result of the Special Common Share Dividend, an employee will receive one Common Share and one Special Common Share upon the vesting of such restricted stock units. The restricted stock unit awards outstanding at March 31, 2006 will vest in December 2007. When vested, employees will receive an equal number of TDS Common Shares and TDS Special Common Shares with respect to such restricted stock units. Restricted stock unit awards granted after the distribution of the TDS Special Common Share Dividend in 2005 are convertible into one Special Common Share upon the vesting of such restricted stock units. The restricted stock unit awards granted in 2006 will vest in December 2008. When vested, employees will receive one TDS Special Common Share for each restricted stock unit.

TDS estimates the fair value of restricted stock units based on the closing market price of TDS shares on the date of grant. The fair value is then recognized as compensation cost on a straight-line basis over the requisite service periods of the awards, which is generally the vesting period.

A summary of TDS nonvested restricted stock units at June 30, 2006 and changes during the six months then ended is presented in the table that follows:

Tandem Restricted Stock Units

|                                | Number<br>of Restricted<br>Stock Units(1) | Weighted<br>Average<br>Fair Values of<br>Restricted<br>Stock Units |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2005 | 90,286                                    | \$ 77.55   |
| Granted                        |   |  |

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|                            |        |          |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|
| Vested                     |        |          |
| Forfeited                  | 386    | 78.10    |
| Nonvested at June 30, 2006 | 89,900 | \$ 77.55 |

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(1) Upon exercise, each tandem restricted stock unit is converted into one TDS Common Share and one TDS Special Common Share.

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## Special Common Restricted Stock Units

|                                | Number<br>of Restricted<br>Stock Units(2) | Weighted<br>Average<br>Fair Values of<br>Restricted<br>Stock Units |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2005 |   |  |
| Granted                        | 105,000                                   | \$ 38.05   |
| Vested                         |   |  |
| Forfeited                      | 1,000                                     | 38.00  |
| Nonvested at June 30, 2006     | 104,000                                   | \$ 38.05   |

(2) Upon exercise, each Special Common restricted stock unit is converted into one TDS Special Common Share.

**Deferred Compensation Stock Units** Certain TDS employees may elect to defer receipt of all or a portion of their annual bonuses and to receive stock unit matches on the amount deferred up to \$400,000. Deferred compensation, which is immediately vested, is deemed to be invested in TDS Common Share units or, at the election of the committee that administers the plan after the TDS Special Common Share Dividend in 2005, TDS Special Common Share units. TDS match amounts depend on the amount of annual bonus that is deferred into stock units. Participants receive a 25% stock unit match for amounts deferred up to 50% of their total annual bonus and a 33% match for amounts that exceed 50% of their total annual bonus. The matched stock units vest ratably at a rate of one-third per year over three years. When fully vested and upon distribution, employees will receive the vested TDS Common Shares and/or TDS Special Common Shares, as applicable.

TDS estimates the fair value of deferred compensation matching stock units based on the closing market price of TDS shares on the date of grant. The fair value of the matched stock units is then recognized as compensation cost on a straight-line basis over the requisite service periods of the awards, which is generally the vesting period.

A summary of TDS nonvested deferred compensation stock unit plans at June 30, 2006 and changes during the six months then ended is presented in the table that follows:

## Tandem Deferred Compensation Stock Units

|                                | Number of<br>Tandem<br>Stock Units(1) | Weighted<br>Average<br>Fair Values<br>of Stock Units |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2005 | 1,025                                 | \$ 75.05   |
| Granted                        |                                       |  |
| Vested                         |                                       |  |
| Forfeited                      |                                       |  |
| Nonvested at June 30, 2006     | 1,025                                 | \$ 75.05   |

(1) Upon exercise, each tandem deferred compensation stock unit outstanding at June 30, 2006 is converted into one TDS Common Share and one TDS Special Common Share.

## Special Common Deferred Compensation Stock Units

|                                | Number of<br>Special Common<br>Stock Units(2) | Weighted<br>Average<br>Fair Values<br>of Stock Units |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2005 |   |  |
| Granted                        | 1,500   | \$ 38.30   |
| Vested                         |   |  |
| Forfeited                      |   |  |
| Nonvested at June 30, 2006     | 1,500   | \$ 38.30   |



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(2) Upon exercise, each Special Common deferred compensation stock unit is converted into one TDS Special Common Share.

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**Employee Stock Purchase Plan** Under the 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, eligible employees of TDS and its subsidiaries may purchase a limited number of shares of TDS common stock on a quarterly basis. Prior to 2006, such common stock consisted of TDS Common Shares. Beginning in 2006, such common stock consisted of TDS Special Common Shares. TDS had reserved 185,000 Common Shares and 320,000 Special Common Shares at June 30, 2006 for issuance under this plan. The plan became effective on April 1, 2003 and will terminate on December 31, 2008. The per share cost to each participant is 85% of the market value of the Common Shares or Special Common Shares as of the issuance date. Under SFAS 123(R), the employee stock purchase plan is considered a compensatory plan; therefore recognition of compensation costs for stock issued under this plan is required. Compensation cost is measured as the difference between the cost of the shares to the plan participants and the fair market value of the shares on the date of issuance. However, due to restrictions on activity under these plans in place during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, no compensation expense was recognized during this period.

**Compensation of Non-Employee Directors** TDS issued 0 and 2,600 shares under its Non-Employee Directors plan in the three and six months ended June 30, 2006.

**Dividend Reinvestment Plans** TDS had reserved 174,000 Common Shares and 323,000 Special Common Shares at June 30, 2006, for issuance under Automatic Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plans and 49,000 Series A Common Shares for issuance under the Series A Common Share Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan. These plans enable holders of TDS's Common Shares, Special Common Shares and Preferred Shares to reinvest cash dividends in Common Shares and Special Common Shares and holders of Series A Common Shares to reinvest cash dividends in Series A Common Shares. The purchase price of the shares is 95% of the market value, based on the average of the daily high and low sales prices for TDS's Common Shares and Special Common Shares on the American Stock Exchange for the ten trading days preceding the date on which the purchase is made. Under SFAS 123(R) and SFAS 123, these plans are considered non-compensatory plans, therefore no compensation expense is recognized for stock issued under these plans.

#### **U.S. Cellular**

The information in this section relates to stock-based compensation plans utilizing the equity instruments of U.S. Cellular. Participants in these plans are employees of U.S. Cellular. U.S. Cellular employees are also eligible to participate in the TDS Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Information related to plans utilizing the equity instruments of TDS are shown in the previous section.

Under the U.S. Cellular 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan, U.S. Cellular may grant fixed and performance-based incentive and non-qualified stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, and deferred compensation stock unit awards to key employees. At June 30, 2006, the only types of awards outstanding are fixed non-qualified stock option awards, restricted stock unit awards, and deferred compensation stock unit awards.

At June 30, 2006, U.S. Cellular had reserved 5,403,000 Common Shares for equity awards granted and to be granted under this plan and also had reserved 110,000 Common Shares for issuance to employees under an employee stock purchase plan. The maximum number of U.S. Cellular Common Shares that may be issued to employees under all stock-based compensation plans in effect at June 30, 2006 was 5,513,000 shares. U.S. Cellular currently utilizes treasury stock to satisfy stock option exercises, issuances under its employee stock purchase plan, restricted stock unit awards and deferred compensation stock unit awards. U.S. Cellular employees are also eligible to participate in the TDS Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which was described previously.

U.S. Cellular has also created a Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan under which it has reserved 4,900 Common Shares of U.S. Cellular at June 30, 2006 for issuance as compensation to members of the board of directors who are not employees of U.S. Cellular.

On March 7, 2006, the U.S. Cellular Compensation Committee, approved amendments to stock option award agreements. The amendments modify current and future options to extend the exercise period until 30 days following (i) the lifting of a suspension if options otherwise would expire or be forfeited during the suspension period and (ii) the lifting of a blackout if options otherwise would expire or be forfeited during a blackout period. U.S. Cellular temporarily suspended issuances of shares under the 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan between March 17, 2006 and October 10, 2006 as a consequence of late SEC filings. As required under the provisions of SFAS 123(R), U.S. Cellular evaluated the impact of this plan modification and originally determined that the adjustment to stock based compensation was not material. However, in connection with the restatement discussed above, U.S. Cellular further reviewed the accounting for the plan modification. Upon such further review, U.S. Cellular determined that it should have recognized Stock-Based compensation expense of \$1.5 million in the three months ended March 31, 2006 as a result of this modification. U.S. Cellular recognized \$0.0 million and \$1.5 million in stock-based compensation expense in the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, respectively, as a result of this modification.

**Stock Options** Stock options granted to key employees are exercisable over a specified period not in excess of ten years. Stock options generally vest over periods up to four years from the date of grant. Stock options outstanding at June 30, 2006 expire between 2006 and 2016. However, vested stock options typically expire 30 days after the effective date of an employee's termination of employment for reasons other than retirement. Employees who leave at the age of retirement have 90 days (or one year if they satisfy certain requirements) within which to exercise their vested stock options. The exercise price of the option generally equals the market value of U.S. Cellular Common Shares on the date of grant.

U.S. Cellular granted 551,000 and 16,000 stock options during the three months ended June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2005, respectively. U.S. Cellular granted 551,000 and 757,000 stock options during the six months ended June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2005, respectively. U.S. Cellular estimates the fair value of stock options granted using the Black-Scholes valuation model. The fair value is then recognized as compensation cost on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period, for each separately vesting portion of the awards as if the awards were, in-substance, multiple awards, which is the same attribution method that was used by U.S. Cellular for purposes of its pro forma disclosures under SFAS 123. U.S. Cellular used the assumptions shown in the table below in valuing the options granted in 2006:

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Expected Life                    | 3.0 years |
| Expected Annual Volatility Rate  | 25.2 %    |
| Dividend Yield                   |           |
| Risk-free Interest Rate          | 4.7 %     |
| Estimated Annual Forfeiture Rate | 4.4 %     |

A summary of U.S. Cellular stock options outstanding (total and portion exercisable) at June 30, 2006 and changes during the six months then ended is presented in the table below:

|   | Number of<br>Options | Weighted<br>Remaining<br>Exercise<br>Prices | Weighted<br>Average<br>Contractual<br>Term | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic Value |
|---|----------------------|---|--|------------------------------|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2005<br>(877,000 exercisable) | 2,701,000            | \$ 38.80                                    | 7.5 years                                  | \$ 58,871,000                |
| Granted   | 551,000              | 59.46                                       |  | 629,000                      |
| Exercised   | 107,000              | 34.51                                       |  | 2,259,000                    |
| Forfeited   | 29,000               | 39.60                                       |  | 615,000                      |
| Expired   | 1,000                | 32.23                                       |  | 34,000                       |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2006<br>(1,528,000 exercisable)   | 3,115,000            | \$ 42.61                                    | 7.6 years                                  | \$ 56,044,000                |

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The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total pretax intrinsic value (the difference between U.S. Cellular's closing stock price on the last trading day of the period and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money options) that would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options on June 30, 2006. This amount will change in future periods based on the market price of U.S. Cellular's stock. U.S. Cellular received \$0 and \$3.7 million in cash from the exercise of stock options during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006.

A summary of U.S. Cellular nonvested stock options at June 30, 2006 and changes during the six months then ended is presented in the table that follows:

|                                | <b>Number of<br/>Stock Options</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Fair Values of<br/>Stock Options</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2005 | 1,824,000                          | \$ 14.19   |
| Granted                        | 551,000                            | 14.06  |
| Vested                         | 761,000                            | 14.47  |
| Forfeited                      | 26,000                             | 14.22  |
| Nonvested at June 30, 2006     | 1,588,000                          | \$ 14.01   |

**Restricted Stock Units** U.S. Cellular grants restricted stock unit awards to key employees, which generally vest after three years.

U.S. Cellular estimates the fair value of restricted stock units based on the closing market price of U.S. Cellular shares on the date of grant, which is not adjusted for any dividends foregone during the vesting period because U.S. Cellular has never paid a dividend and has expressed its intention to retain all future earnings in the business. The fair value is then recognized as compensation cost on a straight-line basis over the requisite service periods of the awards, which is generally the vesting period. Awards granted under this plan prior to 2005 were classified as liability awards due to a plan provision which allowed participants to elect tax withholding in excess of minimum statutory tax rates. In 2005, this provision was removed from the plan and awards after 2005 have been classified as equity awards.

A summary of U.S. Cellular nonvested restricted stock units at June 30, 2006 and changes during the six months then ended is presented in the tables that follow:

**Liability Classified Awards**

|                                | <b>Number of<br/>Restricted<br/>Stock Units</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Grant-Date<br/>Fair Values of<br/>Restricted<br/>Stock Units</b> |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2005 | 193,000   | \$ 30.71   |
| Granted                        | 3,000   | 59.43  |
| Vested                         | 108,000   | 23.73  |
| Forfeited                      | 1,000   | 33.96  |
| Nonvested at June 30, 2006     | 87,000  | \$ 40.36   |

**Equity Classified Awards**

|                                | <b>Number of<br/>Restricted<br/>Stock Units</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Grant-Date<br/>Fair Values of<br/>Restricted<br/>Stock Units</b> |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2005 | 189,000   | \$ 45.63   |
| Granted                        | 125,000   | 59.43  |
| Vested                         | 125,000   | 59.43  |
| Forfeited                      | 5,000   | 45.63  |

|                            |         |    |       |
|----------------------------|---------|----|-------|
| Nonvested at June 30, 2006 | 309,000 | \$ | 51.21 |
|----------------------------|---------|----|-------|

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*Long-Term Incentive Plan* **Deferred Compensation Stock Units** Certain U.S. Cellular employees may elect to defer receipt of all or a portion of their annual bonuses and to receive a company matching contribution on the amount deferred. All bonus compensation that is deferred by employees electing to participate is immediately vested and is deemed to be invested in U.S. Cellular Common Share stock units. Upon vesting and distribution of such stock units, participants will receive U.S. Cellular Common Shares. The amount of U.S. Cellular's matching contribution depends on the portion of the annual bonus that is deferred. Participants receive a 25% match for amounts deferred up to 50% of their total annual bonus and a 33% match for amounts that exceed 50% of their total annual bonus; such matching contributions also are deemed to be invested in U.S. Cellular Common Share stock units. The matching contribution stock units vest ratably at a rate of one-third per year over three years. Upon vesting and distribution of such matching contribution stock units, participants will receive U.S. Cellular Common Shares.

U.S. Cellular estimates the fair value of deferred compensation matching contribution stock units based on the closing market price of U.S. Cellular Common Shares on the date of match. The fair value of such matching contribution stock units is then recognized as compensation cost on a straight-line basis over the requisite service periods of the awards, which is generally the vesting period.

A summary of U.S. Cellular nonvested deferred compensation stock units at June 30, 2006 and changes during the six months ended is presented in the table below:

|                                | <b>Number of<br/>Stock Units</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Fair Values<br/>of Stock<br/>Units</b> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2005 | 7,700                            | \$ 41.08   |
| Granted                        | 1,700                            | 56.71  |
| Vested                         | 3,700                            | 37.31  |
| Forfeited                      |                                  |  |
| Nonvested at June 30, 2006     | 5,700                            | \$ 45.48   |

**Employee Stock Purchase Plan** Under the 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, eligible employees of U.S. Cellular and its subsidiaries may purchase a limited number of U.S. Cellular Common Shares on a quarterly basis. U.S. Cellular had reserved 110,000 Common Shares at June 30, 2006 for issuance under this plan. The plan became effective on April 1, 2003 and will terminate on December 31, 2008. U.S. Cellular employees are also eligible to participate in the TDS Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which was described previously. The per share cost to each participant in these plans is 85% of the market value of the Common Shares or Special Common Shares as of the issuance date. Under SFAS 123(R), the employee stock purchase plans are considered compensatory plans; therefore, recognition of compensation costs for stock issued under these plans is required. Compensation cost is measured as the difference between the cost of the shares to plan participants and the fair market value of the shares on the date of issuance. However, due to restrictions on activity under these plans in place during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, no compensation expense was recognized during this period for either plan.

**Compensation of Non-Employee Directors** U.S. Cellular issued 0 and 40 shares under its Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan in the three and six months ended June 30, 2006.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R), U.S. Cellular presented all tax benefits resulting from tax deductions associated with the exercise of stock options by employees as cash flows from operating activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. SFAS 123(R) requires that excess tax benefits be classified as cash flows from financing activities in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. For this purpose, the excess tax benefits are tax benefits related to the difference between the total tax deduction associated with the exercise of stock options by employees and the amount of compensation cost recognized for those options. For the six months ended June 30, 2006, excess tax benefits of \$0.3 million were included in cash flows from financing activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows pursuant to this requirement of SFAS 123(R).

#### 4. Income Taxes

The following table summarizes the effective income tax expense (benefit) rates in each of the periods.

|  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006 |                  | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006 |                  | 2005             |                  |      |   |
|--|--|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------|---|
|  | (As<br>Restated)                       | (As<br>Restated) | (As<br>Restated)                     | (As<br>Restated) | (As<br>Restated) | (As<br>Restated) |      |   |
| Effective Income Tax (Benefit) Rate From:  |  |                  |                                      |                  |                  |                  |      |   |
| Operations excluding gain on investments and fair value adjustment of derivative instruments | 40.9                                   | %                | 41.8                                 | %                | 40.9             | %                | 40.8 | % |
| Gain on investments and fair value adjustment of derivative instruments(1)                   | 36.3                                   | %                | 39.3                                 | %                | 36.1             | %                | 39.5 | % |
| Income before income taxes and minority interest   | 39.6                                   | %                | 40.6                                 | %                | 39.9             | %                | 39.9 | % |

(1) In the second quarter of 2006, TDS Telecom recorded gains of \$91.4 million. See Note 5 Gains on Investments. Also included in these amounts are fair value adjustment of derivative instruments. See Note 6 Fair Value Adjustment of Derivative Instruments.

In June of 2006, the Internal Revenue Service commenced its audit of the 2002-2004 consolidated federal tax returns of TDS and subsidiaries. The audit is in its preliminary stages.

#### 5. Gain on Investment

TDS Telecom has in the past obtained financing from the Rural Telephone Bank ( RTB ). In connection with such financings, TDS Telecom purchased stock in the RTB. TDS Telecom has repaid all of its debt to the RTB, but continued to own the RTB stock. In August 2005, the board of directors of the RTB approved resolutions to liquidate and dissolve the RTB. In order to effect the dissolution and liquidation, shareholders were asked to remit their shares to receive cash compensation for those shares. TDS Telecom remitted its shares and received \$101.7 million from the RTB and recorded a gain of \$90.3 million in the second quarter of 2006.

#### 6. Fair Value Adjustment of Derivative Instruments

Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments totaled a loss of \$11.8 million and \$11.7 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, respectively and a gain of \$164.3 million and \$499.7 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments reflects the change in the fair value of the bifurcated embedded collars within the forward contracts related to the Deutsche Telekom and Vodafone marketable equity securities not designated as a hedge. The changes in fair value of the embedded collars, during cash flow hedge designation are recorded to other comprehensive income. When the collars are de-designated in cash flow hedge, subsequent changes in fair value are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations, along with the related income tax effects. The accounting for the embedded collars as derivative instruments not designated in a hedging relationship results in increased volatility in the results of operations, as fluctuation in the market price of the underlying Deutsche Telekom and Vodafone marketable equity securities results in changes in the fair value of the embedded collars being recorded in the consolidated statement of operations. Also included in the fair value adjustment of derivative instruments are the gains and losses related to the ineffectiveness of the VeriSign fair value hedge which aggregated an unrealized gain of \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, respectively, and an unrealized gain of \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively.

## 7. Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income available to common by the weighted average common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by weighted average number of common shares adjusted to include the effect of potentially dilutive securities. Potentially dilutive securities include incremental shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options.

TDS distributed one Special Common Share in the form of a stock dividend with respect to each outstanding Common Share and Series A Common Share of TDS on May 13, 2005 to shareholders of record on April 29, 2005. As a result of the Special Common Share Dividend, each option outstanding on May 13, 2005 was converted into a tandem option for one Common Share and one Special Common Share at the same exercise price per tandem option exercised.

The net income amounts used in computing earnings per share and the effects on the weighted average number of common and Series A Common Shares and earnings per share of potentially dilutive stock options are as follows:

|  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006<br>(As Restated)<br>(Dollars and shares in thousands, except earnings per share) |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006<br>(As Restated)<br>(As Restated) |            |
|--|---|------------|--|------------|
| <b>Basic Earnings per Share:</b>   |   |            |  |            |
| Net income   | \$ 166,759  | \$ 193,979 | \$ 202,756   | \$ 417,540 |
| Preferred dividend requirement   | (50 )   | (52 )      | (101 )   | (102 )     |
| Net income available to common used in basic earnings per share                            | \$ 166,709  | \$ 193,927 | \$ 202,655   | \$ 417,438 |
| <b>Diluted Earnings per Share:</b>   |   |            |  |            |
| Net income available to common used in basic earnings per share                            | \$ 166,709  | \$ 193,927 | \$ 202,655   | \$ 417,438 |
| Minority income adjustment (1)   | (371 )  | (309 )     | (617 )   | (457 )     |
| Preferred dividend adjustment (2)  | 50  | 50         | 100  | 100        |
| Net income available to common used in diluted earnings per share                          | \$ 166,388  | \$ 193,668 | \$ 202,138   | \$ 417,081 |
| <b>Weighted average number of shares of common stock used in basic earnings per share:</b> |   |            |  |            |
| Common Shares  | 51,485  | 51,182     | 51,478   | 51,128     |
| Special Common Shares  | 57,836  | 57,612     | 57,829   | 57,556     |
| Series A Common Shares   | 6,447   | 6,430      | 6,447  | 6,428      |
| Weighted average number of shares of common stock used in basic earnings per share         | 115,768   | 115,224    | 115,754  | 115,112    |
| <b>Effects of Dilutive Securities:</b>   |   |            |  |            |
| Effects of stock options (3)   | 710   | 582        | 659  | 661        |
| Conversion of preferred shares   | 162   | 153        | 163  | 153        |
| Weighted average number of shares of common stock used in diluted earnings per share       | 116,640   | 115,959    | 116,576  | 115,926    |
| Basic Earnings per Share   | \$ 1.44   | \$ 1.68    | \$ 1.75  | \$ 3.63    |
| Diluted Earnings per Share   | \$ 1.43   | \$ 1.67    | \$ 1.73  | \$ 3.60    |

(1) The minority income adjustment reflects the additional minority share of U.S. Cellular's income computed as if all of U.S. Cellular's dilutive securities were outstanding.

(2) The preferred dividend adjustment reflects the dividend reduction in the event any preferred series were dilutive, and therefore converted for shares.



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- (3) Stock options convertible into 896,409 Common Shares and 2,001,128 Special Common Shares were not included in computing Diluted Earnings per Share in the three months ended June 30, 2006, because their effects were not dilutive to earnings per share. Stock options convertible into 1,293,284 Common Shares and 2,398,003 Special Common Shares were not included in computing Diluted Earnings per Share in the six months ended June 30, 2006, because their effects were not dilutive to earnings per share. Stock options convertible into 1,091,147 Common Shares and 861,112 Special Common Shares were not included in computing Diluted Earnings per Share in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 because their effects were not dilutive to earnings per share.

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## 8. Marketable Equity Securities and Forward Contracts

TDS and its subsidiaries hold a substantial amount of marketable equity securities that are publicly traded and can have volatile movements in share prices. TDS and its subsidiaries do not make direct investments in publicly traded companies and all of these interests were acquired as a result of sales, trades or reorganizations of other assets.

Information regarding TDS's marketable equity securities is summarized as follows:

|   | June 30,<br>2006<br>(As Restated)<br>(Dollars in thousands) | December 31,<br>2005<br>(As Restated) |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Marketable Equity Securities - Current Assets</b>                                      |   |                                       |
| Vodafone Group Plc 10,245,370 and 0 American Depositary Receipts, respectively(1)         | \$ 218,226  | \$                                    |
| VeriSign, Inc. 2,361,333 and 0 Common Shares, respectively                                | 54,712  |                                       |
| Aggregate fair value included in Current Assets   | 272,938   |                                       |
| <b>Marketable Equity Securities - Investments</b>   |   |                                       |
| Deutsche Telekom AG - 131,461,861 Ordinary Shares   | 2,111,277   | 2,191,469                             |
| Vodafone Group Plc 2,700,545 and 12,945,915 American Depositary Receipts, respectively(1) | 57,522  | 277,949                               |
| VeriSign, Inc. - 0 and 2,361,333 Common Shares  |   | 51,760                                |
| Rural Cellular Corporation - 719,396 equivalent Common Shares                             | 7,906   | 10,511                                |
| Other   | 1   | 1                                     |
| Aggregate fair value included in investments  | 2,176,706   | 2,531,690                             |
| Total aggregate fair value  | 2,449,644   | 2,531,690                             |
| Accounting cost basis   | 1,543,677   | 1,543,677                             |
| Gross holding gains   | 905,967   | 988,013                               |
| Gross realized holding gains  | (27,651)  | (24,700)                              |
| Gross unrealized holding gains  | 878,316   | 963,313                               |
| Equity method unrealized gains  | 352   | 543                                   |
| Income tax (expense)  | (344,359)   | (377,845)                             |
| Minority share of unrealized holding gains  | (7,410)   | (7,738)                               |
| Unrealized holding gains, net of tax and minority share                                   | 526,899   | 578,273                               |
| Derivative instruments, net of tax and minority share                                     | (214,635)   | (214,632)                             |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income  | \$ 312,264  | \$ 363,641                            |

(1) See Note 22 Subsequent Events for a discussion of the Share Consolidation and Special Distribution related to the Vodafone ADRs that was effected on July 28, 2006. As a result of the Share Consolidation, the aggregate number of ADRs was reduced from 12,945,915 to 11,327,674.

The investment in Deutsche Telekom AG (Deutsche Telekom) resulted from TDS's disposition of its over 80%-owned personal communication services operating subsidiary, Aerial Communications, Inc., to VoiceStream Wireless Corporation (VoiceStream) in exchange for stock of VoiceStream, which was then acquired by Deutsche Telekom in exchange for Deutsche Telekom stock. The investment in Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) resulted from certain dispositions of non-strategic cellular investments to or settlements with AirTouch Communications Inc. (AirTouch), in exchange for stock of AirTouch, which was then acquired by Vodafone whereby TDS and its subsidiaries received American Depositary Receipts representing Vodafone stock. The investment in VeriSign, Inc. (VeriSign) is the result of the acquisition by VeriSign of Illuminet, Inc., a telecommunication entity in which several TDS subsidiaries held interests. The investment in Rural Cellular Corporation (Rural Cellular) is the result of a consolidation of several cellular partnerships in which TDS subsidiaries held interests in Rural Cellular, and the distribution of Rural Cellular stock in exchange for these interests.

TDS has entered into a number of forward contracts related to the marketable equity securities it holds. The economic hedge risk management objective of the forward contracts is to hedge the value of the marketable equity securities from losses due to decreases in the market prices of the securities while retaining a share of gains from increases in the market prices of such securities. The downside risk is hedged at or above the accounting cost basis of the securities.

See Note 15 Long-Term Debt and Forward Contracts for additional information related to forward contracts.

The forward contracts related to U.S. Cellular's 10,245,370 Vodafone ADRs and TDS's 2,361,333 VeriSign common shares mature in May 2007. Accordingly, the Vodafone ADRs and VeriSign common shares are classified as Current Assets and the related forward contracts and derivative liability are classified as Current Liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at June 30, 2006.

## 9. Licenses and Goodwill

TDS has substantial amounts of licenses and goodwill as a result of the acquisition of wireless markets, and the acquisition of operating telephone companies. Changes in licenses and goodwill result primarily from acquisitions, divestitures and impairments.

A summary of activity in goodwill for the six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 is provided below. TDS Telecom's incumbent local exchange carriers are designated as ILEC and its competitive local exchange carrier is designated as CLEC.

| (Dollars in thousands)    | U.S.<br>Cellular<br>(As Restated) | TDS Telecom<br>ILEC<br>(As Restated) | CLEC | Other (1) | Total<br>(As Restated) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|-----------|------------------------|
| Balance December 31, 2005 | \$ 481,235                        | \$ 398,652                           | \$   | \$ 2,281  | \$ 882,168             |
| Acquisitions              | 3,990                             |                                      |      |           | 3,990                  |
| Other Adjustments         | 318                               |                                      |      |           | 318                    |
| Balance June 30, 2006     | \$ 485,543                        | \$ 398,652                           | \$   | \$ 2,281  | \$ 886,476             |
| Balance December 31, 2004 | \$ 454,830                        | \$ 398,652                           | \$   | \$ 2,281  | \$ 855,763             |
| Acquisitions              | 150                               |                                      |      |           | 150                    |
| Other                     | (10 )                             |                                      |      |           | (10 )                  |
| Balance June 30, 2005     | \$ 454,970                        | \$ 398,652                           | \$   | \$ 2,281  | \$ 855,903             |

(1) Other consists of goodwill related to Suttle Straus.

See Note 18 Acquisitions, Divestitures and Exchanges below for additional information related to transactions which affected licenses and goodwill.

Licenses and goodwill must be reviewed for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. TDS and U.S. Cellular perform the annual impairment review on licenses and goodwill during the second quarter of their fiscal year. Accordingly, the annual impairment tests for licenses and goodwill for 2006 and 2005 were performed in the second quarter of 2006 and 2005. Such impairment tests indicated that there was not impairment of licenses or goodwill in 2006 or 2005.

## 10. Unconsolidated Entities

Investments in unconsolidated entities consist of amounts invested in wireless and wireline entities in which TDS holds a minority interest. These investments are accounted for using either the equity or cost method.

TDS's significant investments in unconsolidated entities include the following:

|   | June 30,<br>2006 |   | June 30,<br>2005 |   |
|---|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership        | 5.5              | % | 5.5              | % |
| Midwest Wireless Communications, L.L.C. (1) | 14.2             | % | 14.2             | % |
| North Carolina RSA 1 Partnership            | 50.0             | % | 50.0             | % |
| Oklahoma City SMSA Limited Partnership      | 14.6             | % | 14.6             | % |

(1) In addition, as of June 30, 2006, U.S. Cellular owned a 49% interest in an entity which owns an interest of approximately 2.9% in Midwest Wireless Holdings, L.L.C., the parent company of Midwest Wireless Communications, L.L.C. See Note 22 Subsequent Events, for information about the disposition of this interest.

Based primarily on data furnished to TDS by third parties, the following summarizes the combined results of operations of all wireless and wireline entities in which TDS's investments are accounted for by the equity method:

|                                 | Three Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006 |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006 |              |
|---------------------------------|--|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                 | 2006                                   | 2005       | 2006                                 | 2005         |
|                                 | (Dollars in thousands)                 |            |                                      |              |
| Results of operations           |  |            |                                      |              |
| Revenues                        | \$ 1,025,000                           | \$ 831,000 | \$ 2,018,000                         | \$ 1,615,000 |
| Operating expenses              | 703,000                                | 579,000    | 1,391,000                            | 1,123,000    |
| Operating income                | 322,000                                | 252,000    | 627,000                              | 492,000      |
| Other income (expense), net (1) | 14,000                                 | 7,000      | 22,000                               | 14,000       |
| Net Income                      | \$ 336,000                             | \$ 259,000 | \$ 649,000                           | \$ 506,000   |

(1) Includes income tax related to small corporations.

See Note 22 Subsequent Events for additional information related to TDS's investment in Midwest Wireless Communications, L.L.C.

## 11. Customer Lists

Customer lists acquired in connection with purchases and exchanges of wireless markets are being amortized based on average customer retention periods using the double declining balance method in the first year, switching to straight-line over the remaining estimated life. The acquisition of certain minority interests in the six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 added \$2.0 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, to the gross balance of customer lists. Customer list amortization expense was \$6.0 million and \$11.7 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, respectively, and \$2.3 and \$5.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. Amortization expense for the remainder of 2006 and for the years 2007-2011 is expected to be \$11.8 million, \$9.8 million, \$7.2 million, \$5.4 million, \$3.7 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

## 12. Property, Plant and Equipment

In accordance with FASB SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, TDS reviews long-lived assets, including property, plant and equipment, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be fully recoverable. TDS did not record any impairment losses on property, plant and equipment in 2006 or 2005.



13. Revolving Credit Facilities

TDS has a \$600 million revolving credit facility available for general corporate purposes. At June 30, 2006, letters of credit outstanding were \$3.4 million, leaving \$596.6 million available for use. Borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest at the London InterBank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ) plus a contractual spread based on TDS's credit rating. TDS may select borrowing periods of either seven days or one, two, three or six months. At June 30, 2006, one-month LIBOR was 5.33% and the contractual spread was 60 basis points. If TDS provides less than two days' notice of intent to borrow, interest on borrowings is at the prime rate less 50 basis points (the prime rate was 8.25% at June 30, 2006). This credit facility expires in December 2009.

TDS also has \$50 million of direct bank lines of credit at June 30, 2006, all of which were unused. The terms of the direct lines of credit bear negotiated interest rates up to the prime rate (the prime rate was 8.25% at June 30, 2006). Direct bank lines of credit totaling \$25 million expired on June 23, 2006 and were renewed subsequent to June 30, 2006.

U.S. Cellular has a \$700 million revolving credit facility available for general corporate purposes. At June 30, 2006, outstanding notes payable and letters of credit were \$105.0 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, leaving \$594.5 million available for use. Borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest at the London InterBank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ) plus a contractual spread based on U.S. Cellular's credit rating. U.S. Cellular may select borrowing periods of either seven days or one, two, three or six months. At June 30, 2006, the one-month LIBOR was 5.33% and the contractual spread was 60 basis points. If U.S. Cellular provides less than two days' notice of intent to borrow, interest on borrowings is the prime rate less 50 basis points (the prime rate was 8.25% at June 30, 2006). This credit facility expires in December 2009.

TDS's and U.S. Cellular's interest cost on their revolving credit facilities would increase if their current credit ratings from either Standard & Poor's or Moody's were lowered. However, the credit facilities would not cease to be available or accelerate solely as a result of a decline in TDS's or U.S. Cellular's credit rating. A downgrade in TDS's or U.S. Cellular's credit rating could adversely affect their ability to renew existing, or obtain access to new, credit facilities in the future. At June 30, 2006, TDS's and U.S. Cellular's credit ratings are as follows:

|                          |      |   |
|--------------------------|------|---|
| Moody's Investor Service | Baa3 | under review for possible further downgrade |
| Standard & Poor's        | A-   | on credit watch with negative implications  |
| Fitch                    | BBB+ | on ratings watch negative                   |

The maturity dates of certain of TDS's and U.S. Cellular's revolving credit facilities would accelerate in the event of a change in control. The continued availability of the revolving credit facilities requires TDS and U.S. Cellular to comply with certain negative and affirmative covenants, maintain certain financial ratios and represent certain matters at the time of each borrowing. On November 10, 2005, TDS and U.S. Cellular announced that they would restate certain financial statements which caused TDS and U.S. Cellular to be late in certain SEC filings. The restatements and late filings resulted in defaults under the revolving credit facilities and one line of credit facility. However, TDS and U.S. Cellular were not in violation of any covenants that require TDS and U.S. Cellular to maintain certain financial ratios and did not fail to make any scheduled payments. TDS and U.S. Cellular received waivers from the lenders associated with the revolving credit facilities, under which the lenders agreed to waive any defaults that may have occurred as a result of the restatements and late filings.

As disclosed in Note 1, TDS and its audit committee concluded on November 6, 2006 to restate the Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the three years ended December 31, 2005. TDS and its audit committee also concluded that TDS would amend its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 to restate the Consolidated Financial Statements and financial information included therewith. The restatement resulted in defaults under the revolving credit agreements and one line of credit agreement. TDS and U.S. Cellular were not in violation of any covenants that require TDS and U.S. Cellular to maintain certain financial ratios. TDS and U.S. Cellular did not fail to make any scheduled payments under such credit agreements. TDS and U.S. Cellular received waivers from the lenders associated with the credit agreements, under which the lenders agreed to waive any defaults that may have occurred as a result of the restatement. The waivers require the Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005, the Forms 10-Q/A for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 and the Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006 to be filed by March 14, 2007.

On October 26, 2006, Standard & Poor's Rating Services lowered its credit ratings on TDS and U.S. Cellular to BBB+ from A-. The outlook was stable. On November 7, 2006, Standard & Poor's Rating Services lowered its credit ratings on TDS and U.S. Cellular to BBB from BBB+. The ratings were placed on credit watch with negative implications. On February 13, 2007, Standard & Poor's Rating Services lowered its credit ratings on TDS and U.S. Cellular to BBB- from BBB. The ratings remain on credit watch with negative implications. The credit ratings by Moody's Investors Service remain Baa3 under review for possible further downgrade. The credit ratings by Fitch remain BBB+ on ratings watch negative.

#### 14. Asset Retirement Obligations

TDS accounts for its asset retirement obligations in accordance with SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, ( SFAS 143 ) and FASB Interpretation No. 47, Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations ( FIN 47 ), which require entities to record the fair value of a liability for legal obligations associated with an asset retirement in the period in which the obligations are incurred. At the time the liability is incurred, TDS records a liability equal to the net present value of the estimated cost of the asset retirement obligation and increases the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset by an equal amount. Over time, the liability is accreted to its present value each period, and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. Upon settlement of the obligations, any difference between the cost to retire an asset and the recorded liability (including accretion of discount) is recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations as a gain or loss.

U.S. Cellular is subject to asset retirement obligations associated primarily with its cell sites, retail sites and office locations. Asset retirement obligations generally include obligations to remediate leased land on which U.S. Cellular's cell sites and switching offices are located. U.S. Cellular is also generally required to return leased retail store premises and office space to their pre-existing conditions.

TDS Telecom's incumbent local exchange carriers have recorded an asset retirement obligation in accordance with the requirements of SFAS No. 143 and FIN 47, and a regulatory liability for the costs of removal that state public utility commissions have required to be recorded for regulatory accounting purposes. The amounts recorded for regulatory accounting purposes are in addition to the amounts required to be recorded in accordance with SFAS No 143 and FIN 47. These amounts combined make up the asset retirement obligation for the incumbent local exchange carriers. The asset retirement obligation calculated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 143 and FIN 47 at June 30, 2006 was \$37.6 million. The regulatory liability in excess of the amounts required to be recorded in accordance with SFAS No. 143 and FIN 47 at June 30, 2006 was \$61.9 million.

In accordance with the requirements of SFAS No. 143 and FIN 47, TDS Telecom's competitive local exchange carrier has calculated an asset retirement obligation of \$2.7 million at June 30, 2006.

The table below summarizes the changes in asset retirement obligations during the first six months of 2006. TDS Telecom's incumbent local exchange carriers are designated as ILEC in the table and its competitive local exchange carrier is designated as CLEC.

|                                     | U.S.<br>Cellular | TDS Telecom<br>ILEC<br>(As Restated)<br>(Dollars in thousands) | CLEC     | TDS<br>Consolidated<br>(As Restated) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance December 31, 2005 | \$ 90,224        | \$ 97,509  | \$ 2,649 | \$ 190,382                           |
| Additional liabilities accrued      | 3,414            | 2,349  |          | 5,763                                |
| Acquisition of assets               | 1,237            |  |          | 1,237                                |
| Disposition of assets               | (37)             | (406)  |          | (443)                                |
| Accretion expense                   | 3,481            | 17   | 92       | 3,590                                |
| Ending Balance June 30, 2006        | \$ 98,319        | \$ 99,469  | \$ 2,741 | \$ 200,529                           |

15. Long-Term Debt and Forward Contracts

The late filing of TDS's and U.S. Cellular's Forms 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and Forms 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 and the failure to deliver such Forms 10-K and 10-Q to the trustees of the TDS and U.S. Cellular debt indentures on a timely basis, resulted in non-compliance under such debt indentures. However, this non-compliance did not result in an event of default or a default. TDS and U.S. Cellular believe that non-compliance was cured upon the filing of their Forms 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and Forms 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006. TDS and U.S. Cellular have not failed to make nor do they expect to fail to make any scheduled payment of principal or interest under such indentures.

As discussed in Note 1, TDS and its audit committee concluded on November 6, 2006, that TDS would amend its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 to restate its financial statements and financial information for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005. TDS and its audit committee also concluded that TDS would amend its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 to restate the financial statements and financial information included therewith. TDS and U.S. Cellular require additional time to complete their Forms 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006 to complete the restatements. The late filing of TDS's and U.S. Cellular's Forms 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006 and the failure to deliver such Forms 10-Q to the trustees of the TDS and U.S. Cellular debt indentures on a timely basis, resulted in non-compliance under such debt indentures. However, this non-compliance did not result in an event of default or a default. TDS and U.S. Cellular believe that non-compliance will be cured upon the filing of their Forms 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006. TDS and U.S. Cellular have not failed to make nor do they expect to fail to make any scheduled payment of principal or interest under such indentures.

Except as noted above, TDS believes that it and its subsidiaries were in compliance as of June 30, 2006 with all covenants and other requirements set forth in its long-term debt indentures. Such indentures do not contain any provisions resulting in acceleration of the maturities of outstanding debt in the event of a change in TDS's credit rating. However, a downgrade in TDS's credit rating could adversely affect its ability to obtain long-term debt financing in the future.

In January and February of 2006, TDS redeemed \$35.0 million of medium-term notes which carried interest rates of 10%.

TDS repaid \$200.0 million plus accrued interest on its 7% unsecured senior notes on August 1, 2006, using cash on-hand.

Forward Contracts

TDS maintains a portfolio of available-for-sale marketable equity securities, the majority of which are the result of sales or trades of non-strategic assets. Subsidiaries of TDS have prepaid forward contracts with counterparties in connection with its Deutsche Telekom, Vodafone and VeriSign marketable equity securities. The principal amount of the prepaid forward contracts was accounted for as a loan. The collar portions of the forward contracts are accounted for as derivative instruments. The prepaid forward contracts contain embedded collars that are bifurcated and receive separate accounting treatment in accordance with SFAS No. 133.

The Deutsche Telekom forward contracts mature from July 2007 to September 2008. A majority of the contracts require quarterly interest payments at the LIBOR rate plus 50 basis points (the three-month LIBOR rate was 5.48% at June 30, 2006). The remaining contracts are structured as zero coupon obligations with a weighted average effective interest rate of 4.4% per year. No interest payments are required for the zero coupon obligations during the contract period.

The Vodafone forward contracts mature in May and October 2007. The Vodafone forward contracts require quarterly interest payments at the LIBOR rate plus 50 basis points (the three-month LIBOR rate was 5.48% at June 30, 2006). See Note 22 - Subsequent Events for additional information related to the investment in Vodafone ADRs.



The VeriSign forward contract matures in May 2007 and is structured as a zero coupon obligation with an effective interest rate of 5.00% per year. TDS is not required to make interest payments during the contract period.

The U.S. Cellular Vodafone forward contracts and the TDS VeriSign forward contract mature in May 2007. Because the forward contracts mature in May 2007, the associated debt and derivative liability balances are classified as Current Liabilities at June 30, 2006.

The economic hedge risk management objective of the forward contracts is to hedge the value of the marketable equity securities from losses due to decreases in the market prices of the securities ( downside limit ) while retaining a share of gains from increases in the market prices of such securities ( upside potential ). The downside limit is hedged at or above the accounting cost basis of the securities.

Under the terms of the forward contracts, subsidiaries of TDS and U.S. Cellular will continue to own the contracted shares and will receive dividends paid on such contracted shares, if any. The forward contracts, at TDS's and U.S. Cellular's option, may be settled in shares of the respective security or in cash, pursuant to formulas that collar the price of the shares. The collars effectively reduce downside risk and upside potential on the contracted shares. The collars are typically contractually adjusted for any changes in dividends on the underlying shares. If the dividend increases, the collar's upside potential is typically reduced. If the dividend decreases, the collar's upside potential is typically increased. If TDS and U.S. Cellular elect to settle in shares, they will be required to deliver the number of shares of the contracted security determined pursuant to the formula. If shares are delivered in the settlement of a forward contract, TDS and U.S. Cellular would incur a current tax liability at the time of delivery based on the difference between the tax basis of the marketable equity securities delivered and the net amount realized through maturity. If TDS and U.S. Cellular elect to settle in cash, they will be required to pay an amount in cash equal to the fair market value of the number of shares determined pursuant to the formula. TDS and U.S. Cellular have provided guarantees to the counterparties which provide assurance that all principal and interest amounts are paid by its subsidiaries upon settlement of the contracts.

TDS and U.S. Cellular are required to comply with certain covenants under the forward contracts. On November 10, 2005, TDS and U.S. Cellular announced that they would restate certain financial statements which caused TDS and U.S. Cellular to be late in certain SEC filings. The restatements and late filings resulted in defaults under the forward contracts. However, TDS and U.S. Cellular were not in violation of any covenants that require TDS and U.S. Cellular to maintain certain financial ratios. TDS and U.S. Cellular did not fail to make any scheduled payments under such forward contracts. TDS and U.S. Cellular received waivers from the counterparties associated with the forward contracts, under which the counterparties agreed to waive any defaults that may have occurred as a result of the restatements and late filings.

As disclosed in Note 1, TDS and its audit committee concluded on November 6, 2006 to restate the Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the three years ended December 31, 2005. TDS and its audit committee also concluded that TDS would amend its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 to restate the Consolidated Financial Statements and financial information included therewith. The restatement resulted in defaults under certain of the forward contracts. TDS and U.S. Cellular were not in violation of any covenants that require TDS and U.S. Cellular to maintain certain financial ratios. TDS and U.S. Cellular did not fail to make any scheduled payments under such forward contracts. TDS and U.S. Cellular received waivers from the counterparty to such forward contracts, under which the counterparty agreed to waive any defaults that may have occurred as a result of the restatement. The waivers require the Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005, the Forms 10-Q/A for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 and the Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006 to be filed by March 14, 2007.

## 16. Minority Interest in Subsidiaries

Under SFAS No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity, certain minority interests in consolidated entities with finite lives may meet the standard's definition of a mandatorily redeemable financial instrument and thus require reclassification as liabilities and remeasurement at the estimated amount of cash that would be due and payable to settle such minority interests under the applicable entity's organization agreement assuming an orderly liquidation of the finite-lived entity, net of estimated liquidation costs (the settlement value). TDS's consolidated financial statements include such minority interests that meet the standard's definition of mandatorily redeemable financial instruments. These mandatorily redeemable minority interests represent interests held by third parties in consolidated partnerships and limited liability companies (L.L.C.s), where the terms of the underlying partnership or L.L.C. agreement provide for a defined termination date at which time the assets of the subsidiary are to be sold, the liabilities are to be extinguished and the remaining net proceeds are to be distributed to the minority interest holders and TDS in accordance with the respective partnership and L.L.C. agreements. The termination dates of TDS's mandatorily redeemable minority interests range from 2042 to 2103.

The settlement value of TDS's mandatorily redeemable minority interests is estimated to be \$156.4 million at June 30, 2006. This represents the estimated amount of cash that would be due and payable to settle minority interests assuming an orderly liquidation of the finite-lived consolidated partnerships and L.L.C.s on June 30, 2006, net of estimated liquidation costs. This amount is being disclosed pursuant to the requirements of FSP No. FAS 150-3; TDS has no current plans or intentions to liquidate any of the finite-lived partnerships or L.L.C.s prior to their scheduled termination dates. The corresponding carrying value of the minority interests in finite-lived consolidated partnerships and L.L.C.s at June 30, 2006 is \$31.4 million, and is included in the Balance Sheet caption Minority interest in subsidiaries. The excess of the aggregate settlement value over the aggregate carrying value of the mandatorily redeemable minority interests of \$125.0 million is primarily due to the unrecognized appreciation of the minority interest holders' share of the underlying net assets in the consolidated partnerships and L.L.C.s. Neither the minority interest holders' share, nor TDS's share, of the appreciation of the underlying net assets of these subsidiaries is reflected in the consolidated financial statements. The estimate of settlement value was based on certain factors and assumptions. Changes in those factors and assumptions could result in a materially larger or smaller settlement amount.

## 17. Common Share Repurchase Programs

In 2003, the Board of Directors of TDS authorized the repurchase of up to 3.0 million TDS Common Shares, but this authorization expired in February 2006 and a new authorization has not yet been put in place. No TDS Common Shares were repurchased in the first six months of 2006 or 2005.

The Board of Directors of U.S. Cellular has authorized the repurchase of a limited amount of U.S. Cellular Common Shares on a quarterly basis, primarily for use in employee benefit plans. No U.S. Cellular Common Shares were repurchased in the first six months of 2006 or 2005.

## 18. Acquisitions, Divestitures and Exchanges

TDS assesses its existing wireless interests on an ongoing basis with a goal of improving the competitiveness of its operations and maximizing its long-term return on investment. As part of this strategy, TDS reviews attractive opportunities to acquire additional operating markets, telecommunications companies and wireless spectrum. In addition, TDS may seek to divest outright or include in exchanges for other wireless interests those markets and wireless interests that are not strategic to its long-term success.

On April 21, 2006, U.S. Cellular purchased the remaining ownership interest in a Tennessee wireless market in which it had previously owned a 16.7% interest for approximately \$18.8 million in cash, subject to a working capital adjustment. This acquisition increased investments in licenses, goodwill and customer lists by \$5.5 million, \$4.0 million and \$2.0 million, respectively.

On April 3, 2006, TDS Telecom exchanged customers and assets in certain markets with another telecommunications provider and received \$0.7 million in cash.

U.S. Cellular is a limited partner in Carroll Wireless, L.P. ( Carroll Wireless ), an entity which participated in the auction of wireless spectrum designated by the Federal Communications Commission ( FCC ) as Auction 58. Carroll Wireless was qualified to bid on spectrum which was available only to companies that fall under the FCC definition of designated entities, which are small businesses that have a limited amount of assets. Carroll Wireless was a successful bidder for 17 licensed areas in Auction 58, which ended on February 15, 2005. The aggregate amount paid to the FCC for the 17 licenses was \$129.9 million, net of all bidding credits to which Carroll Wireless was entitled as a designated entity. These 17 licensed areas cover portions of 12 states and are in markets which are either adjacent to or overlap current U.S. Cellular licensed areas.

On January 6, 2006, the FCC granted Carroll Wireless applications with respect to 16 of the 17 licenses for which it had been the successful bidder and dismissed one application, relating to Walla Walla, Washington. Following the completion of Auction 58, the FCC determined that a portion of the Walla Walla license was already licensed to another party and should not have been included in Auction 58. Accordingly, in 2006, Carroll Wireless received a full refund of the \$228,000 previously paid to the FCC with respect to the Walla Walla license.

Carroll Wireless is in the process of developing its long-term business and financing plans. As of June 30, 2006, U.S. Cellular made capital contributions and advances to Carroll Wireless and/or its general partner of approximately \$129.9 million; \$129.7 million of this amount is included in Licenses in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. For financial reporting purposes, U.S. Cellular consolidates Carroll Wireless and Carroll PCS, Inc., the general partner of Carroll Wireless, pursuant to the guidelines of FASB Interpretation No. 46R ( FIN 46R ), as U.S. Cellular anticipates benefiting from or absorbing a majority of Carroll Wireless expected respective gains or losses. Pending finalization of Carroll Wireless permanent financing plan, and upon request by Carroll Wireless, U.S. Cellular may make additional capital contributions and advances to Carroll Wireless and/or its general partner. In November 2005, U.S. Cellular approved additional funding of \$1.4 million of which \$0.1 million was provided to Carroll Wireless through June 30, 2006.

In the first quarter of 2005, TDS adjusted the gain on investments related to its sale to ALLTEL of certain wireless properties on November 30, 2004. The adjustment of the gain, which resulted from a working capital adjustment that was finalized in the first quarter of 2005, increased the total gain on the sale by \$0.5 million to \$51.4 million.

In addition, in 2005, U.S. Cellular purchased one new wireless market and certain minority interests in other wireless markets in which it already owned a controlling interest for \$6.9 million in cash.

## 19. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The cumulative balances of unrealized gains and losses on marketable equity securities and derivative instruments and related income tax effects included in Accumulated other comprehensive income are as follows.

|  | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2006<br/>(As Restated)<br/>(Dollars in thousands)</b> | <b>2005<br/>(As Restated)</b> |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>Marketable Equity Securities</b>  |  |                               |
| Balance, beginning of period   | \$ 578,273   | \$ 1,077,710                  |
| Add (deduct):  |  |                               |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable equity securities  | (84,997 )  | (566,167 )                    |
| Income tax (expense) benefit   | 33,486   | 223,686                       |
|  | (51,511)   | (342,481)                     |
| Unrealized gain (loss) of equity method companies  | (190)  | 282                           |
| Minority share of unrealized losses  | 327  | 3,357                         |
| Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on marketable equity securities in comprehensive income    | (51,374)   | (338,842)                     |
| Balance, end of period   | \$ 526,899   | \$ 738,868                    |
| <b>Derivative Instruments</b>  |  |                               |
| Balance, beginning of period   | \$ (214,632 )  | \$(213,760)                   |
| Add (deduct):  |  |                               |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments  |  | (19)                          |
| Income tax (expense) benefit   |  | (19)                          |
| Minority share of unrealized gains   | (3)  | (13)                          |
| Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments included in comprehensive income | (3)  | (32)                          |
| Balance, end of period   | \$ (214,635 )  | \$ (213,792 )                 |
| <b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income</b>  |  |                               |
| Balance, beginning of period   | \$ 363,641   | \$ 863,950                    |
| Net change in marketable equity securities   | (51,374 )  | (338,842 )                    |
| Net change in derivative instruments   | (3)  | (32)                          |
| Net change in unrealized gains (losses) included in comprehensive income                           | (51,377)   | (338,874)                     |
| Balance, end of period   | \$ 312,264   | \$ 525,076                    |

## 20. Business Segment Information

Financial data for TDS's business segments for the three month period ended or at June 30, 2006 and 2005 are as follows. TDS Telecom's incumbent local exchange carriers are designated as ILEC in the table and its competitive local exchange carrier is designated as CLEC.

| Three Months Ended or at June 30, 2006 (As Restated) (Dollars in thousands) | U.S. Cellular | TDS Telecom ILEC | CLEC      | Non-Reportable Segment(3) | Other Reconciling Items(1) | Total        |
|---|---------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Operating revenues  | \$ 846,137    | \$ 161,960       | \$ 57,734 | \$ 8,355                  | \$ (5,499 )                | \$ 1,068,687 |
| Cost of services and products   | 283,971       | 47,479           | 32,745    | 5,982                     | (618 )                     | 369,559      |
| Selling, general and administrative expense                                 | 342,769       | 47,138           | 22,434    | 1,342                     | (2,317 )                   | 411,366      |
| Operating income before depreciation, amortization and accretion (2)        | 219,397       | 67,343           | 2,555     | 1,031                     | (2,564 )                   | 287,762      |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense                            | 140,486       | 33,252           | 6,005     | 710                       |                            | 180,453      |
| Operating income (loss)   | 78,911        | 34,091           | (3,450 )  | 321                       | (2,564 )                   | 107,309      |
| Other items:  |               |                  |           |                           |                            |              |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities                               | 21,957        |                  |           |                           | 534                        | 22,491       |
| Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments                             | (922 )        |                  |           |                           | (10,846 )                  | (11,768 )    |
| Gain on investments   |               | 91,418           |           |                           |                            | 91,418       |
| Marketable equity securities  | 222,302       |                  |           |                           | 2,227,342                  | 2,449,644    |
| Investment in unconsolidated entities                                       | 176,653       | 3,623            |           |                           | 41,911                     | 222,187      |
| Total assets  | 5,456,224     | 1,777,468        | 144,639   | 26,131                    | 3,070,976                  | 10,475,438   |
| Capital expenditures  | \$ 151,398    | \$ 29,713        | \$ 4,351  | \$ 244                    | \$ 812                     | \$ 186,518   |

| Three Months Ended or at June 30, 2005 (As Restated) (Dollars in thousands) | U.S. Cellular | TDS Telecom ILEC(4) | CLEC(4)   | Non-Reportable Segment(3) | Other Reconciling Items(1) | Total      |
|---|---------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Operating revenues  | \$ 740,377    | \$ 164,379          | \$ 60,449 | \$ 7,455                  | \$ (4,712 )                | \$ 967,948 |
| Cost of services and products   | 264,212       | 41,210              | 32,306    | 4,938                     | (673 )                     | 341,993    |
| Selling, general and administrative expense                                 | 284,789       | 46,448              | 24,079    | 1,430                     | (4,039 )                   | 352,707    |
| Operating income before depreciation, amortization and accretion (2)        | 191,376       | 76,721              | 4,064     | 1,087                     |                            | 273,248    |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense                            | 126,120       | 33,582              | 7,522     | 687                       |                            | 167,911    |
| Operating income (loss)   | 65,256        | 43,139              | (3,458 )  | 400                       |                            | 105,337    |
| Other items:  |               |                     |           |                           |                            |            |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities                               | 17,378        | 175                 |           |                           | 188                        | 17,741     |
| Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments                             | 20,183        |                     |           |                           | 144,140                    | 164,323    |
| Marketable equity securities  | 251,115       |                     |           |                           | 2,570,093                  | 2,821,208  |
| Investment in unconsolidated entities                                       | 167,460       | 20,071              |           |                           | 24,630                     | 212,161    |
| Total assets  | 5,197,284     | 1,722,033           | 147,163   | 26,442                    | 3,399,702                  | 10,492,624 |
| Capital expenditures  | \$ 141,550    | \$ 18,718           | \$ 7,322  | \$ 1,063                  | \$ 1,733                   | \$ 170,386 |



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| Six Months Ended or at<br>June 30, 2006 (As Restated)<br>(Dollars in thousands) | U.S.<br>Cellular | TDS Telecom<br>ILEC | CLEC       | Non-<br>Reportable<br>Segment(3) | Other<br>Reconciling<br>Items(1) | Total        |
|---|------------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Operating revenues  | \$ 1,682,513     | \$ 322,986          | \$ 117,229 | \$ 15,938                        | \$ (10,902 )                     | \$ 2,127,764 |
| Cost of services and products   | 580,605          | 93,558              | 61,819     | 11,254                           | (1,371 )                         | 745,865      |
| Selling, general and<br>administrative expense                                  | 670,473          | 91,185              | 45,150     | 3,249                            | (6,070 )                         | 803,987      |
| Operating income before<br>depreciation, amortization and<br>accretion (2)      | 431,435          | 138,243             | 10,260     | 1,435                            | (3,461 )                         | 577,912      |
| Depreciation, amortization and<br>accretion expense                             | 282,511          | 66,828              | 12,659     | 1,421                            |                                  | 363,419      |
| Operating income (loss)   | 148,924          | 71,415              | (2,399 )   | 14                               | (3,461 )                         | 214,493      |
| Other items:  |                  |                     |            |                                  |                                  |              |
| Equity in earnings of<br>unconsolidated entities                                | 41,440           |                     |            |                                  | 856                              | 42,296       |
| Fair value adjustment of<br>derivative instruments                              | 3,893            |                     |            |                                  | (15,631 )                        | (11,738 )    |
| Gain on investments   |                  | 91,418              |            |                                  |                                  | 91,418       |
| Marketable equity securities  | 222,302          |                     |            |                                  | 2,227,342                        | 2,449,644    |
| Investment in unconsolidated<br>entities  | 176,653          | 3,623               |            |                                  | 41,911                           | 222,187      |
| Total assets  | 5,456,224        | 1,777,468           | 144,639    | 26,131                           | 3,070,976                        | 10,475,438   |
| Capital expenditures  | \$ 268,607       | \$ 46,822           | \$ 7,024   | \$ 2,117                         | \$ 5,724                         | \$ 330,294   |

| Six Months Ended or at<br>June 30, 2005 (As Restated)<br>(Dollars in thousands) | U.S.<br>Cellular | TDS Telecom<br>ILEC(4) | CLEC(4)    | Non-<br>Reportable<br>Segment(3) | Other<br>Reconciling<br>Items(1) | Total        |
|---|------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Operating revenues  | \$ 1,450,426     | \$ 326,222             | \$ 118,913 | \$ 15,263                        | \$ (8,914 )                      | \$ 1,901,910 |
| Cost of services and products   | 531,002          | 83,290                 | 62,211     | 10,487                           | (1,180 )                         | 685,810      |
| Selling, general and<br>administrative expense                                  | 563,742          | 91,365                 | 47,560     | 2,846                            | (7,734 )                         | 697,779      |
| Operating income before<br>depreciation, amortization and<br>accretion (2)      | 355,682          | 151,567                | 9,142      | 1,930                            |                                  | 518,321      |
| Depreciation, amortization and<br>accretion expense                             | 254,006          | 67,846                 | 14,825     | 1,375                            |                                  | 338,052      |
| Operating income (loss)   | 101,676          | 83,721                 | (5,683 )   | 555                              |                                  | 180,269      |
| Other items:  |                  |                        |            |                                  |                                  |              |
| Equity in earnings of<br>unconsolidated entities                                | 31,815           | 350                    |            |                                  | 327                              | 32,492       |
| Fair value adjustment of<br>derivative instruments                              | 24,179           |                        |            |                                  | 475,544                          | 499,723      |
| Gain (loss) on investments  | 551              | (51 )                  |            |                                  |                                  | 500          |
| Marketable equity securities  | 251,115          |                        |            |                                  | 2,570,093                        | 2,821,208    |
| Investment in unconsolidated<br>entities  | 167,460          | 20,071                 |            |                                  | 24,630                           | 212,161      |
| Total assets  | 5,197,284        | 1,722,033              | 147,163    | 26,442                           | 3,399,702                        | 10,492,624   |
| Capital expenditures  | \$ 253,535       | \$ 34,860              | \$ 11,536  | \$ 1,978                         | \$ 2,474                         | \$ 304,383   |

(1) Consists of the TDS Corporate operations, intercompany and intracompany revenue and expense eliminations, TDS Corporate and TDS Telecom marketable equity securities and all other businesses not included in the U.S. Cellular, TDS Telecom or the Non-Reportable segments.

- (2) The amount of operating income before depreciation, amortization and accretion is a non-GAAP financial measure. The amount may also be commonly referred to by management as operating cash flow. TDS has presented operating cash flow because this financial measure, in combination with other financial measures, is an integral part of our internal reporting system utilized by management to assess and evaluate the performance of its business. Operating cash flow is also considered a significant performance measure. It is used by management as a measurement of its success in obtaining, retaining and servicing customers by reflecting its ability to generate subscriber revenue while providing a high level of customer service in a cost effective manner. The components of operating cash flow include the key revenue and expense items for which operating managers are responsible and upon which TDS evaluates its performance.

Other companies in the wireless industry may define operating cash flow in a different manner or present other varying financial measures, and, accordingly, TDS's presentation may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.

Operating cash flow should not be construed as an alternative to operating income (loss), as determined in accordance with GAAP, as an alternative to cash flows from operating activities, as determined in accordance with GAAP, or as a measure of liquidity. TDS believes operating cash flow is useful to investors as a means to evaluate TDS's operating performance prior to non-cash depreciation and amortization expense, and certain other non-cash charges. Although operating cash flow may be defined differently by other companies in the wireless industry, TDS believes that operating cash flow provides some commonality of measurement in analyzing operating performance of companies in the wireless industry.



(3) Represents Suttle Straus.

(4) Certain prior period amounts, primarily labor, maintenance, rent and utilities expenses at the competitive local exchange carriers (CLEC), reported in selling, general and administrative expense have been adjusted to properly reflect the classification of the expenses in cost of service and products in the current period. Certain expenses, primarily universal service costs, at both the incumbent local exchange carriers (ILEC) and the CLEC previously reported in cost of service and products have been adjusted to properly reflect, in accordance with Company policy, the classification of the expenses in selling, general and administrative expense. For the ILEC, cost of services and products decreased by \$1.7 million and \$3.3 million with a corresponding increase in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. For the CLEC, cost of services and products increased by \$5.9 million and \$11.7 million with a corresponding decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. On a TDS consolidated basis, cost of services and products increased by \$4.2 million and \$8.4 million with a corresponding decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. The adjustments did not affect previously reported revenues, operating income or net income.

The following table reconciles Total operating income from reportable and other segments to Income before income taxes and minority interest.

|   | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |                       | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                       |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | 2006<br>(As Restated)          | 2005<br>(As Restated) | 2006<br>(As Restated)        | 2005<br>(As Restated) |
| Total operating income from reportable and other segments | \$ 107,309                     | \$ 105,337            | \$ 214,493                   | \$ 180,269            |
| Total investment and other income                         | 188,457                        | 239,922               | 160,316                      | 542,561               |
| Income before income taxes and minority interest          | \$ 295,766                     | \$ 345,259            | \$ 374,809                   | \$ 722,830            |

## 21. Commitments and Contingencies

Contingent obligations, including indemnities, litigation and other possible commitments are accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies, which requires that an estimated loss be recorded if it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, those contingencies that are deemed to be probable and where the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable are accrued in the financial statements. If only a range of loss can be determined, the best estimate within that range is accrued; if none of the estimates within that range is better than another, the low end of the range is accrued. Disclosure of a contingency is required if there is at least a reasonable possibility that a loss has been or will be incurred, even if the amount is not estimable. The assessment of contingencies is a highly subjective process that requires judgments about future events. Contingencies are reviewed at least quarterly to determine the adequacy of the accruals and related financial statement disclosure. The ultimate outcome of contingencies could materially impact the Consolidated Statements of Operations, Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

### Indemnifications

TDS enters into agreements in the normal course of business that provide for indemnification of counterparties. These agreements include certain asset sales and financings with other parties. The terms of the indemnifications vary by agreement. The events or circumstances that would require TDS to perform under these indemnities are transaction specific; however, these agreements may require TDS to indemnify the counterparty for costs and losses incurred from litigation or claims arising from the underlying transaction. TDS is unable to estimate the maximum potential liability for these types of indemnifications as the amounts are dependent on the outcome of future events, the nature and likelihood of which cannot be determined at this time. Historically, TDS has not made any significant indemnification payments under such agreements.

TDS is party to an indemnity agreement with T-Mobile USA Inc., (T-Mobile) regarding certain contingent liabilities at Aerial Communications, Inc. (Aerial) for the period prior to Aerial's merger into VoiceStream Wireless. As of June 30, 2006, TDS has recorded liabilities of \$1.5 million relating to this indemnity, which represents its best estimate of its probable liability.



## Legal Proceedings

TDS is involved in a number of legal proceedings before the FCC and various state and federal courts and is involved in various claims, including claims relating to charges among interexchange carriers. If TDS believes that a loss arising from such legal proceedings or claims is probable and can be reasonably estimated, an amount is accrued in the financial statements for the estimated loss. If only a range of loss can be determined, the best estimate within that range is accrued; if none of the estimates within that range is better than another, the low end of the range is accrued. The assessment of legal proceedings and claims is a highly subjective process that requires judgments about future events. The legal proceedings and claims are reviewed at least quarterly to determine the adequacy of the accruals and related financial statement disclosure. The ultimate outcome of legal proceedings and claims could differ materially from amounts accrued in the financial statements.

TDS Telecom records revenues from originating and terminating access for interexchange carriers based on contracts, tariffs or operational data. Such contracts, tariffs and operational data could be subject to dispute by interexchange carriers. In April 2006, an interexchange carrier for which TDS Telecom provides both originating and terminating access asserted a claim for refund, net of counterclaims, of up to \$10 million for past billed amounts for certain types of traffic. TDS Telecom has contested this claim. Disputes with interexchange carriers may take a significant time to resolve and may require adjustments in future periods to amounts invoiced, accrued or paid in prior periods.

## Regulatory Environment

Changes in the telecommunications regulatory environment, including the effects of potential changes in the rules governing universal service funding and potential changes in the amounts or methods of intercarrier compensation, could have a material adverse effect on TDS Telecom's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## 22. Subsequent Events

### Midwest Wireless

As of June 30, 2006, U.S. Cellular owned approximately 14% of Midwest Wireless Communications, L.L.C., which interest was convertible into an interest of approximately 11% in Midwest Wireless Holdings, L.L.C., a privately-held wireless telecommunications company that controlled Midwest Wireless Communications. Midwest Wireless Holdings, through subsidiaries, held FCC licenses and operated certain wireless markets in southern Minnesota, northern and eastern Iowa and western Wisconsin. On November 18, 2005, ALLTEL Corporation ( ALLTEL ) announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Midwest Wireless Holdings for \$1.075 billion in cash, subject to certain conditions, including approval by the FCC, other governmental authorities and the members of Midwest Wireless Holdings. These conditions were satisfied and the closing of this agreement occurred on October 3, 2006. As a result, U.S. Cellular became entitled to receive approximately \$106.0 million in cash in consideration with respect to its interest in Midwest Wireless Communications. Of this amount, \$95.1 million was received on October 6, 2006; the remaining balance is being held in reserve and in escrow to secure true-up, indemnification and other adjustments and, subject to such adjustments, will be distributed in installments over a period of four to fifteen months following the closing. In addition, as of June 30, 2006, U.S. Cellular owned 49% of an entity, accounted for under the equity method, which owned approximately 2.9% of Midwest Wireless Holdings. As a result of the closing of the transaction, this entity will receive cash in consideration for its interest in Midwest Wireless Holdings. Following that, this entity will be dissolved and U.S. Cellular will be entitled to receive approximately \$11.8 million in cash, subject to the previously referenced discussion regarding adjustments and installments. The net aggregate carrying value of U.S. Cellular's investments in Midwest Wireless Communications and Midwest Wireless Holdings was approximately \$28.3 million at June 30, 2006.

### Barat Wireless

U.S. Cellular is a limited partner in Barat Wireless, L.P. ( Barat Wireless ), an entity which participated in the auction of wireless spectrum designated by the FCC as Auction 66. Barat Wireless was qualified to receive a 25% discount available to designated entities. At the conclusion of the auction on September 18, 2006, Barat Wireless was the high bidder with respect to 17 licenses and had bid \$127.1 million, net of its designated entity discount. The balance of Barat Wireless' payment due for those licenses with respect to which Barat Wireless was the high bidder is approximately \$47.2 million and is expected to be due before October 19, 2006. Although it has no current commitment to do so, U.S. Cellular expects that it will agree to make additional capital contributions and advances to Barat Wireless and/or its general partner. While the bidding in Auction 66 has ended, the FCC has not yet awarded any of the licenses to winning bidders, nor is there any prescribed timeframe for the FCC to review the qualifications of the various winning bidders and award licenses.

Barat Wireless is in the process of developing its long-term business and financing plans. As of October 6, 2006, U.S. Cellular made capital contributions and advances to Barat Wireless and/or its general partner of \$79.9 million to provide initial funding of Barat Wireless' participation in Auction 66. For financial reporting purposes, U.S. Cellular will consolidate Barat Wireless and Barat Wireless, Inc., the general partner of Barat Wireless, pursuant to the guidelines of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46 (R), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (revised December 2003) an interpretation of ARB No. 51 , as U.S. Cellular anticipates benefiting from or absorbing a majority of Barat Wireless' expected gains or losses. Pending finalization of Barat Wireless' permanent financing plan, and upon request by Barat Wireless, U.S. Cellular may agree to make additional capital contributions and advances to Barat Wireless and/or its general partner.

### Vodafone Special Distribution

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held on July 25, 2006, shareholders of Vodafone approved a Return of Capital ( Special Distribution ) of £0.15 per share (£1.50 per American Depositary Receipt ( ADR )) and a Share Consolidation under which every 8 ADRs were consolidated into 7 ADRs.

The Share Consolidation was effective July 28, 2006 and the Special Distribution was paid on August 18, 2006. As a result of the Share Consolidation, U.S. Cellular's previous 10,245,370 Vodafone ADRs were consolidated into 8,964,698 ADRs and TDS Telecom's previous 2,700,545 Vodafone ADRs were consolidated into 2,362,976 ADRs. Also, U.S. Cellular received approximately \$28.6 million and TDS Telecom received approximately \$7.6 million from the Special Distribution.

Pursuant to terms of the Vodafone forward contracts, the Vodafone contract collars were adjusted as a result of the Special Distribution and the Share Consolidation. After adjustment, the collars had downside limits (floor) ranging from \$17.22 to \$18.37 and upside potentials (ceiling) ranging from \$17.22 to \$19.11. In the case of two forward contracts, subsidiaries of TDS made a dividend substitution payment in the amount of \$3.2 million to the counterparties in lieu of further adjustments to the collars for such forward contracts.

### Long-Term Debt

TDS repaid \$200.0 million plus accrued interest on its 7% unsecured senior notes on August 1, 2006, using cash on-hand.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ( TDS - AMEX symbol: TDS and TDS.S) is a diversified telecommunications company providing high-quality telecommunications services to approximately 6.9 million wireless telephone customers and wireline telephone equivalent access lines. TDS conducts substantially all of its wireless telephone operations through its 81.2%-owned subsidiary, United States Cellular Corporation ( U.S. Cellular ), its incumbent local exchange carrier and competitive local exchange carrier wireline telephone operations through its wholly owned subsidiary, TDS Telecommunications Corporation ( TDS Telecom ), and its printing and distribution operations through its 80%-owned subsidiary, Suttle Straus, Inc.

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with TDS's interim consolidated financial statements included in Item 1 above, and with its audited consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K/A ( Form 10-K/A ) for the year ended December 31, 2005.

**Restatement**

TDS and its audit committee concluded on November 6, 2006, that TDS would amend its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 to restate its consolidated financial statements and financial information for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005, including quarterly information for 2005 and 2004, and certain selected financial data for 2002. TDS and its audit committee also concluded that TDS would amend its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006 to restate the consolidated financial statements and financial information included therewith.

The restatement adjustments are described below.

- **Forward contracts and related derivative instruments** - In reviewing the accounting and disclosure of its prepaid forward contracts, TDS concluded that its continued designation of the embedded collars within the forward contracts as cash flow hedges of marketable equity securities was not appropriate. TDS did not contemporaneously de-designate, re-designate, and assess hedge effectiveness when the embedded collars were contractually modified for differences between the actual and expected dividend rates on the underlying securities in 2004, 2003 and 2002. As a result, the embedded collars no longer qualified for cash flow hedge accounting treatment upon the modification of the terms of the collars for changes in dividend rates and, from that point forward, must be accounted for as derivative instruments that do not qualify for cash flow hedge accounting treatment. Accordingly, all changes in the fair value of the embedded collars from the time of the contractual modification of each collar must be recognized in the statement of operations. The restatement adjustments represent reclassifications of unrealized gains or losses related to changes in the fair value of the embedded collars from other comprehensive income or loss, included in common stockholders equity, to the statement of operations.
- **Expense reclassifications** - Certain prior period amounts, primarily labor, maintenance, rent and utilities expenses at the competitive local exchange carriers ( CLEC ), previously reported in selling, general and administrative expense have been corrected to properly reflect the classification of the expenses in cost of service and products in the current period. Certain expenses, primarily universal service costs, at both the incumbent local exchange carriers ( ILEC ) and the CLEC previously reported in cost of service and products have been adjusted to properly reflect the classification of the expenses in selling, general and administrative expense. For the ILEC, cost of services and products decreased by \$1.7 million and \$3.3 million with a corresponding increase in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. For the CLEC, cost of services and products increased by \$5.9 million and \$11.7 million with a corresponding decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. On a TDS consolidated basis, cost of services and products increased by \$4.2 million and \$8.4 million with a corresponding decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively. The adjustments did not affect previously reported revenues, operating income or net income.



- Establishment of an Asset Retirement Obligation ( ARO ) - Upon initial implementation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 143 Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations ( SFAS No. 143 ) in 2003, TDS Telecom's ILEC operations concluded that it was not necessary to record an ARO asset and corresponding regulatory liability of equal amount. TDS Telecom's ILECs have their rates regulated by the respective state public utility commissions and the Federal Communications Commission ( FCC ), and therefore, reflect the effects of the rate-making actions of these regulatory bodies in their financial statements. In 2002, the FCC notified carriers by Order that it would not be adopting SFAS No. 143 since the FCC concluded that SFAS No. 143 conflicted with the FCC's current accounting rules that require ILECs to accrue for asset retirement obligations through prescribed depreciation rates. Upon adoption of SFAS No. 143, and pursuant to the FCC's order and the provisions of SFAS No. 71 Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation, ( SFAS No.71 ) the ILECs reclassified their existing remediation liabilities, previously recorded in accumulated depreciation, to an ARO liability and a separate regulatory liability. Upon further review, TDS has concluded that upon adoption of SFAS No. 143, and in accordance with SFAS No. 71, it should have recognized an ARO asset and a corresponding ARO liability, rather than establish the ARO liability through a reclassification of its existing remediation liabilities. The impact of establishing the ARO asset increased Property, Plant and Equipment and the corresponding ARO liability by \$26.8 million and \$27.3 million as of June 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively. The adjustment did not affect previously reported revenues, operating income or net income (loss).
- Contracts with maintenance and support services U.S. Cellular entered into certain equipment and software contracts that included maintenance and support services. In one case, U.S. Cellular did not properly allocate expenditures between equipment purchases and maintenance and support services. In other cases, U.S. Cellular did not properly record fees for maintenance and support services over the specified term of the agreement. The restatement adjustments properly record property, plant and equipment, related depreciation expense and fees for maintenance and support services in the correct periods.
- Classification of Asset Retirement Obligation on the Statement of Cash Flows The additions to property, plant and equipment and other deferred liabilities representing additional asset retirement obligations ( ARO ) should be treated as non-cash items in the statement of cash flows. From 2004 through the second quarter of 2006, U.S. Cellular included additional ARO liabilities as a change in other assets and liabilities in cash flows from operating activities and the increase in the ARO asset balance as a capital expenditure in cash flows from investing activities resulting in an overstatement of cash flows from operating activities and an overstatement of cash flows required by investing activities. In the restatement, adjustments were recorded in the statement of cash flows to offset the change in ARO liabilities against the ARO asset. The reduction in the change in other assets and liabilities in cash flows from operating activities and the reduction in additions to property, plant and equipment in cash flows from investing activities totaled \$3.4 million and \$2.3 million in the six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.
- Income taxes In the restatement, TDS adjusted its income tax expense, income taxes payable, goodwill, deferred income tax assets and liabilities and related disclosures for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, 2003 and 2002 for items identified based on its annual analysis reconciling its 2005 income tax expense and income tax balance sheet accounts as determined in its comparison of the 2005 year-end income tax provision to the 2005 federal and state income tax returns. These adjustments included corrections for certain accounts that had not previously been included in the financial reporting basis used in determining the cumulative temporary differences in computing deferred income tax assets and liabilities, as well as adjustments to certain cumulative temporary differences that had historically been incorrectly associated with operating license assets which, in this restatement, have been correctly classified as investments in partnership assets. Accordingly, the company has adjusted the deferred tax liabilities related to these assets. Goodwill was adjusted by \$10.2 million to record the income tax effect of the difference between the financial reporting basis and the income tax basis of certain acquisitions made prior to 2004.





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TDS determined that the state deferred tax liabilities attributable to marketable equity securities, as presented in prior periods, should have been lower to reflect carryover of a higher stock basis than the federal basis for certain states that have not adopted the federal consolidated return regulations. TDS also identified a valuation allowance related to state net operating loss carry forwards for which deferred tax liabilities related to marketable equity securities provide positive evidence supporting reductions to previously established valuation allowances.

- **Cash and interest income** In reviewing cash accounts, it was determined that cash and interest income were overstated in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and six months ended June 30, 2006. In the restatement, TDS corrected the overstatement by reducing cash and interest income.
- **Property, plant and equipment** U.S. Cellular did not properly record certain transfers and disposals of equipment removed from service. Also, U.S. Cellular did not properly record depreciation expense for certain leasehold improvements and other equipment due to the use of incorrect asset lives. The restatement adjustments properly record equipment disposals and depreciation expense in the correct amounts and periods.
- **Other items** In addition to the adjustments described above, TDS recorded a number of other adjustments to correct and record revenues, expenses and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities in the periods in which such revenues, expenses and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities were earned or incurred. Adjustments were also made to correct certain balance sheet amounts, including \$2.1 million corrections to purchase price accounting for certain acquisitions prior to 2003. These individual adjustments were not material.

The table below summarizes the impacts of the restatement on income before income taxes and minority interest.

|  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006     |            | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006 |            |
|--|--|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2005                                       |            | 2005                                 |            |
|  | (Increase (decrease) dollars in thousands) |            |                                      |            |
| Income Before Income Taxes and Minority Interest, as previously reported | \$ 306,524                                 | \$ 183,171 | \$ 392,617                           | \$ 229,378 |
| Forward contracts and related derivative instruments                     | (12,169 )                                  | 164,229    | (12,564 )                            | 499,676    |
| Contracts with maintenance and support services                          | 198  | (138 )     | 339                                  | (335 )     |
| Interest income  |  |            | (4,754 )                             |            |
| Property, plant and equipment  | 1,511                                      | 317        | 3,111                                | 77         |
| Other items  | (298 )                                     | (2,320 )   | (3,940 )                             | (5,966 )   |
| Total adjustment   | (10,758 )                                  | 162,088    | (17,808 )                            | 493,452    |
| Income Before Income Taxes and Minority Interest, as restated            | \$ 295,766                                 | \$ 345,259 | \$ 374,809                           | \$ 722,830 |

The table below summarizes the net income and diluted earnings per share impacts from the restatement.

|  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006  |                                  | 2005       |                                  | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006 |                                  | 2005       |                                  |
|--|---|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
|  | Net Income<br>(Increase (decrease) dollars in thousands,<br>except per share amounts) | Diluted<br>Earnings<br>Per Share | Net Income | Diluted<br>Earnings<br>Per Share | Net Income                           | Diluted<br>Earnings<br>Per Share | Net Income | Diluted<br>Earnings<br>Per Share |
| As previously reported                               | \$ 172,467  | \$ 1.48                          | \$ 97,056  | \$ 0.83                          | \$ 212,342                           | \$ 1.82                          | \$ 120,105 | \$ 1.03                          |
| Forward contracts and related derivative instruments | (7,274 )  | (0.07 )                          | 97,405     | 0.85                             | (7,946 )                             | (0.07 )                          | 299,325    | 2.58                             |
|  | 101   |                                  | (56 )      |                                  | 176                                  |                                  | (140 )     |                                  |

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|   |            |         |            |         |            |         |            |         |  |
|---|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|--|
| Contracts with maintenance and support services |            |         |            |         |            |         |            |         |  |
| Income taxes                                    | 679        | 0.01    | 549        |         | 1,358      | 0.01    | 1,098      | 0.01    |  |
| Interest income                                 |            |         |            |         | (2,876)    | (0.02)  |            |         |  |
| Property, plant and equipment                   | 710        | 0.01    | 151        |         | 1,464      | 0.01    | 42         |         |  |
| Other items                                     | 76         |         | (1,126)    | (0.01)  | (1,762)    | (0.02)  | (2,890)    | (0.02)  |  |
| Total adjustment                                | (5,708)    | (0.05)  | 96,923     | 0.84    | (9,586)    | (0.09)  | 297,435    | 2.57    |  |
| As restated                                     | \$ 166,759 | \$ 1.43 | \$ 193,979 | \$ 1.67 | \$ 202,756 | \$ 1.73 | \$ 417,540 | \$ 3.60 |  |

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## **OVERVIEW**

The following is a summary of certain selected information from the complete Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ( MD&A ) that follows below. This Overview does not contain all of the information that may be important and, therefore you should carefully read the entire MD&A and not rely solely on this Overview.

### **Results of Operations**

U.S. Cellular U.S. Cellular positions itself as a regional operator, focusing its efforts on providing wireless service to customers in the geographic areas where it has licenses to provide such service. U.S. Cellular differentiates itself from its competitors through a customer satisfaction strategy, reflecting broad product distribution, a customer service focus and a high-quality wireless network.

U.S. Cellular's business development strategy is to acquire, develop and operate controlling interests in wireless licenses in areas adjacent to or in proximity to its other wireless licenses, thereby building contiguous operating market areas. U.S. Cellular's operating strategy is to strengthen the geographic areas where it can continue to build long-term operating synergies and to exit those areas where it does not have opportunities to build such synergies.

U.S. Cellular delivered solid results for the six months ended June 30, 2006. Highlights included the following:

- Total customers increased 9% year-over-year to 5,704,000 and average monthly service revenue per customer increased 4% to \$46.38;
- The postpay churn rate was 1.5%, which compares favorably to the industry average;
- Total plant and equipment expenditures totaled \$268.6 million, including expenditures to construct cell sites, increase capacity in existing cell sites and switches, outfit new and remodel existing retail stores and continue the development of U.S. Cellular's office systems. Total cell sites in service increased 11% to 5,583; and
- On April 21, 2006, U.S. Cellular completed the purchase of the remaining majority interest in Tennessee RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership, a wireless market in which it had previously owned a 16.7% interest for approximately \$18.8 million in cash.

Service Revenues increased \$200.7 million, or 15%, to \$1,560.9 million in the six months ended June 30, 2006 from \$1,360.2 million in 2005. Revenues from data products and services increased 52.7% to \$91.2 million in the first six months of 2006 from \$59.7 million in the first six months of 2005 as U.S. Cellular continued to enhance its **easyedgeSM** products and introduce new offerings such as **Speedtalk SM**, a push-to-talk service, and **Blackberry®** handsets and service.

Operating income in the six months ended June 30, 2006 increased \$47.2 million, or 46%, to \$148.9 million from \$101.7 million in 2005. The increase in Operating Income reflected both higher operating revenues and a higher operating income margin (as a percent of service revenues), which was 9.5% in 2006 compared to 7.5% in 2005. Investment and Other Income (Expense) totaled \$9.6 million in 2006 and \$21.0 million in 2005.

See U.S. Cellular Operations.

TDS Telecom - TDS Telecom provides high-quality telecommunication services, including full-service local exchange service, long distance telephone service and Internet access, to rural, suburban and selected small urban area communities. TDS Telecom's business plan is designed for a full-service telecommunications company, including competitive local exchange carrier operations, by leveraging TDS Telecom's strength as an incumbent local exchange carrier. TDS Telecom is focused on achieving three central strategic objectives: growth, market leadership, and profitability. TDS Telecom's strategy includes gaining additional market share, deepening penetration of vertical services within established markets and becoming the premier broadband provider in our chosen markets.

TDS Telecom's operating income in the six months ended June 30, 2006 decreased \$9.0 million, or 12%, to \$69.0 million from \$78.0 million in 2005. The operating income margins were 15.8% in 2006 and 17.6% in 2005. Despite the challenges faced in the industry, TDS Telecom was able to increase equivalent access lines by 2% primarily due to the growth of Digital Subscriber Lines (DSL) by over 40% from June 2005 to June 2006.

See TDS Telecom Operations.

### Cash Flows and Investments

At June 30, 2006, TDS and its subsidiaries had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$1,239.3 million, available borrowing capacity of \$1,191.1 million under its revolving credit facilities and an additional \$50 million of bank lines of credit. Also, during the six months ended June 30, 2006, TDS generated cash flows from operating activities of \$479.5 million. Management believes that cash on hand, expected future cash flows from operating activities and sources of external financing provide substantial financial flexibility and are sufficient to permit TDS and its subsidiaries to finance their contractual obligations and anticipated capital expenditures. TDS continues to seek to maintain a strong balance sheet and an investment grade credit rating.

U.S. Cellular is a limited partner in Barat Wireless, L.P. (Barat Wireless), an entity which participated in the auction of wireless spectrum designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as Auction 66. Barat Wireless was qualified to receive a 25% discount available to designated entities. At the conclusion of the auction on September 18, 2006, Barat Wireless was the high bidder with respect to 17 licenses and had bid \$127.1 million, net of its designated entity discount. The balance of Barat Wireless' payment due for those licenses with respect to which Barat Wireless was the high bidder is approximately \$47.2 million and is expected to be due before October 19, 2006. Although it has no current commitment to do so, U.S. Cellular expects that it will agree to make additional capital contributions and advances to Barat Wireless and/or its general partner. While the bidding in Auction 66 has ended, the FCC has not yet awarded any of the licenses to winning bidders, nor is there any prescribed timeframe for the FCC to review the qualifications of the various winning bidders and award licenses.

Barat Wireless is in the process of developing its long-term business and financing plans. As of October 6, 2006, U.S. Cellular made capital contributions and advances of \$79.9 million to Barat Wireless and/or its general partner to provide initial funding of Barat Wireless' participation in Auction 66. For financial reporting purposes, U.S. Cellular will consolidate Barat Wireless and Barat Wireless, Inc., the general partner of Barat Wireless, pursuant to the guidelines of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46 (R), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (revised December 2003) an interpretation of ARB No. 51 (FIN 46(R)), as U.S. Cellular anticipates benefiting from or absorbing a majority of Barat Wireless' expected gains or losses. Pending finalization of Barat Wireless' permanent financing plan, and upon request by Barat Wireless, U.S. Cellular may agree to make additional capital contributions and advances to Barat Wireless and/or its general partner.

See Financial Resources and Liquidity and Capital Resources. See Note 22 Subsequent Events of Notes to Financial Statements included in Item 1 above for information related to cash proceeds from the sale of Midwest Wireless (approximately \$95.1 million) and the Vodafone Special Distribution (approximately \$36.2 million).

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **Six Months Ended June 30, 2006 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2005**

**Operating Revenues** increased \$225.9 million, or 12%, to \$2,127.8 million during the six months ended June 30, 2006 from \$1,901.9 million during the six months ended June 30, 2005, primarily as a result of an 8% increase in customers and equivalent access lines served. U.S. Cellular's operating revenues increased \$232.1 million, or 16%, to \$1,682.5 million in 2006 from \$1,450.4 million in 2005 as customers served increased by 477,000, or 9%, since June 30, 2005, to 5,704,000. TDS Telecom's operating revenues decreased \$5.1 million or 1% to \$437.3 million in 2006 from \$442.4 million in 2005, even though equivalent access lines increased by 21,300 or 2%, since June 30, 2005, to 1,198,400. An equivalent access line is derived by converting a high-capacity data line to an estimated equivalent number, in terms of capacity, of switched access lines.

**Operating Expenses** increased \$191.7 million, or 11%, to \$1,913.3 million in 2006 from \$1,721.6 million in 2005 primarily reflecting growth in operations. Operating expenses include a \$10.6 million increase in stock-based compensation expense primarily due to the implementation of FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123 (revised) (SFAS 123(R)), Share-Based Payment, as of January 1, 2006. U.S. Cellular's operating expenses increased \$184.8 million, or 14%, to \$1,533.6 million in 2006 from \$1,348.8 million in 2005 primarily reflecting costs associated with acquiring customers and serving and retaining its expanding customer base. TDS Telecom's expenses increased \$3.9 million, or 1%, to \$368.3 million in 2006 from \$364.4 million in 2005 primarily reflecting increased cost of services and products related to digital subscriber lines and long distance services.

**Operating Income** increased \$34.2 million, or 19%, to \$214.5 million in 2006 from \$180.3 million in 2005. The operating margin was 10.1% in 2006 and 9.5% in 2005 on a consolidated basis. U.S. Cellular's operating income increased \$47.2 million, or 46%, to \$148.9 million from \$101.7 million in 2005 and its operating margin, as a percentage of service revenues, increased to 9.5% in 2006 from 7.5% in 2005. TDS Telecom's operating income decreased \$9.0 million, or 12%, to \$69.0 million in 2006 from \$78.0 million in 2005 and its operating margin decreased to 15.8% in 2006 from 17.6% in 2005.

**Investment and Other Income (Expense)** primarily includes interest and dividend income, equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities, gains and losses on investments, fair value adjustment of derivative instruments and interest expense. Investment and other income (expense) totaled \$160.3 million in 2006 and \$542.6 million in 2005.

*Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities* increased \$9.8 million, or 30%, to \$42.3 million in 2006 from \$32.5 million in 2005. Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities represents TDS's share of net income from markets in which it has a minority interest and that are accounted for by the equity method. TDS's investment in the Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership contributed \$30.4 million and \$25.1 million to equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities for the six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

*Interest and dividend income* increased \$30.7 million or 24%, to \$158.0 million in 2006 from \$127.3 million in 2005 primarily due to increases in the dividends paid by Deutsche Telekom (\$14.6 million) and Vodafone (\$4.3 million) and higher average rates of interest earned on investments in 2006 than 2005.

*Interest expense* increased \$11.4 million, or 11%, to \$117.8 million in 2006 from \$106.4 million in 2005. The increase in interest expense in the six months ended June 30, 2006 was primarily due to an increase in interest paid on forward contracts related to interest rate increases (\$13.2 million), the new debt issuance of 6.625% senior notes in March 2005 of \$116.25 million (\$1.9 million) and the increase in interest rates on the revolving credit facilities (\$2.4 million). The increase in interest expense was partially offset by the repayment of TDS Telecom subsidiary debt in March and June of 2005 (\$5.2 million) and the repayment of Medium-term Notes (\$1.4 million).



*Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments* totaled a loss of \$11.7 million in 2006 and a gain of \$499.7 million in 2005. Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments reflects the change in the fair value of the bifurcated embedded collars within the forward contracts related to the Deutsche Telekom and Vodafone marketable equity securities not designated as a hedge. The changes in fair value of the embedded collars, during cash flow hedge designation are recorded to other comprehensive income. When the collars are de-designated in cash flow hedge, subsequent changes in fair value are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations, along with the related income tax effects. The accounting for the embedded collars as derivative instruments not designated in a hedging relationship results in increased volatility in the results of operations, as fluctuation in the market price of the underlying Deutsche Telekom and Vodafone marketable equity securities results in changes in the fair value of the embedded collars being recorded in the consolidated statement of operations. Also included in the fair value adjustment of derivative instruments are the gains and losses related to the ineffectiveness of the VeriSign fair value hedge which aggregated an unrealized gain of \$0.8 million in 2006 and an unrealized gain of \$0.1 million in 2005.

*Gain on investments* totaled a net gain of \$91.4 million in 2006 and \$0.5 million in 2005. The net gain in 2006 includes a \$90.3 million gain at TDS Telecom from its remittance of Rural Telephone Bank ( RTB ) shares. See Note 5 Gain on Investment. The net gain in 2005 reflects the working capital adjustment recorded in 2005 on the investment interests sold by U.S. Cellular and TDS Telecom to ALLTEL Corporation ( ALLTEL ) in November 2004.

*Other expense* totaled \$1.9 million in 2006 and \$11.1 million in 2005. Borrowing costs on the prepaid forward contracts decreased \$1.0 million in 2006 compared to 2005. In addition, in 2005 TDS Telecom recorded prepayment penalties and unamortized debt issuance costs writeoffs of \$2.2 million on the repayment of long-term debt in March and June. In 2005, TDS incurred \$2.9 million of expenses from the Special Common Share Proposal and stock dividend.

**Income Tax Expense** decreased \$139.0 million to \$149.5 million in 2006 from \$288.5 million in 2005 primarily due to the decrease in pre-tax income. The overall effective tax rates on income before income taxes and minority interest for the six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 were 39.9% and 39.9%, respectively. For further analysis and discussion of TDS's effective tax rates in 2006 and 2005, see Note 4 Income Taxes of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1 above.

**Minority Share of (Income)** includes the minority public shareholders' share of U.S. Cellular's net income, the minority shareholders' or partners' share of U.S. Cellular's subsidiaries' net income or loss and other minority interests.

|                                   | <b>Six Months Ended</b>       |                      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                   | <b>June 30,</b>               |                      |
|                                   | <b>2006</b>                   | <b>2005</b>          |
|                                   | <b>(As Restated)</b>          | <b>(As Restated)</b> |
|                                   | <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b> |                      |
| <b>Minority Share of Income</b>   |                               |                      |
| U.S. Cellular                     |                               |                      |
| Minority Public Shareholders      | \$(16,843 )                   | \$(12,865 )          |
| Minority Shareholders or Partners | (5,546 )                      | (3,818 )             |
|                                   | (22,389 )                     | (16,683 )            |
| Other                             | (136 )                        | (117 )               |
|                                   | \$(22,525 )                   | \$(16,800 )          |

**Net Income Available to Common** totaled \$202.7 million, or \$1.73 per diluted share, in 2006 and \$417.4 million, or \$3.60 per diluted share, in 2005.





**U.S. CELLULAR OPERATIONS**

TDS provides wireless telephone service through U.S. Cellular, an 81.2%-owned subsidiary. U.S. Cellular owns, operates and invests in wireless markets throughout the United States. Growth in the customer base is the primary reason for the change in U.S. Cellular's results of operations in 2006 and 2005. The number of customers increased 9% to 5,704,000 at June 30, 2006, from 5,227,000 at June 30, 2005, due to customer additions from its marketing channels and acquisition, divestitures and exchange activities.

**SUMMARY OF HOLDINGS**

U.S. Cellular owned, or had the right to acquire pursuant to certain agreements, interests in 241 wireless markets at June 30, 2006. A summary of the number of markets U.S. Cellular owns or has rights to acquire as of June 30, 2006 follows:

|   | <b>Number of<br/>Markets</b> |
|---|------------------------------|
| Consolidated markets (1)  | 201                          |
| Consolidated markets to be acquired pursuant to existing agreements (2) | 17                           |
| Minority interests accounted for using equity method                    | 18                           |
| Minority interests accounted for using cost method                      | 5                            |
| Total markets to be owned after completion of pending transactions      | 241                          |

(1) Includes majority interests in 190 markets and other interests in 11 licenses acquired through Carroll Wireless, L.P. ( Carroll Wireless ). U.S. Cellular consolidates Carroll Wireless and Carroll PCS, Inc., the general partner of Carroll Wireless, for financial reporting purposes, pursuant to the guidelines of FASB Interpretation No. 46R, as U.S. Cellular anticipates benefiting from or absorbing a majority of Carroll Wireless' expected gains or losses.

Carroll Wireless was the winning bidder of 17 wireless licenses in the auction of wireless spectrum designated by the FCC as Auction 58. On January 6, 2006, the FCC granted Carroll Wireless applications with respect to 16 of the 17 licenses for which it was the winning bidder and dismissed one application relating to Walla Walla, Washington. Following the completion of Auction 58, the FCC determined that a portion of the Walla Walla license was already licensed to another party and should not have been included in Auction 58. In March 2006, Carroll Wireless received a full refund of the amount paid to the FCC with respect to the Walla Walla license. Of the 16 licenses which were granted to Carroll Wireless, 11 licenses represent markets which are incremental to U.S. Cellular's currently owned or acquirable markets and 5 represent markets in which U.S. Cellular currently owns spectrum. Only licenses which add incremental territory to U.S. Cellular's consolidated operating markets are included in the number of consolidated markets so as to avoid duplicate reporting of overlapping markets.

U.S. Cellular's consolidated markets also include interests acquired in 15 licenses and exclude interests transferred in two licenses pursuant to the exchange transaction with ALLTEL Corporation ( ALLTEL ) that was completed on December 19, 2005.

(2) U.S. Cellular owns rights to acquire majority interests in 17 wireless licenses resulting from an exchange transaction with AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. ( AT&T Wireless ), now Cingular Wireless L.L.C. ( Cingular ), which closed in August 2003. Pursuant to the exchange transaction, U.S. Cellular also has rights to acquire 4 additional licenses. However, those 4 additional licenses are in markets where U.S. Cellular currently owns spectrum. Only licenses which add incremental territory to U.S. Cellular's consolidated operating markets are included in the number of consolidated markets so as to avoid duplicate reporting of overlapping markets.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Six Months Ended June 30, 2006 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2005.**

Following is a table of summarized operating data for U.S. Cellular's consolidated operations.

|  | 2006       | 2005       |  |         |
|--|------------|------------|--|---------|
| As of June 30, (1a)  |            |            |  |         |
| Total market population (2)  | 55,543,000 | 44,690,000 |  |         |
| Customers (3)  | 5,704,000  | 5,227,000  |  |         |
| Market penetration (4)   |            | 10.30%     |  | 11.70%  |
| Total full-time equivalent employees                                   |            | 7,458      |  | 7,000   |
| Cell sites in service  |            | 5,583      |  | 5,034   |
| For the Six Months Ended June 30, (1b)                                 |            |            |  |         |
| Net customer additions (5)   |            | 199,000    |  | 276,000 |
| Net retail customer additions (5)                                      |            | 172,000    |  | 204,000 |
| Average monthly service revenue per customer (As Restated) (6)         | \$ 46.38   | \$ 44.42   |  |         |
| Postpay churn rate per month (7)                                       | 1.5        | % 1.5      |  | %       |
| Sales and marketing cost per gross customer addition (As Restated) (8) | \$ 453     | \$ 424     |  |         |

(1a) Amounts in 2006 include information related to all markets included in U.S. Cellular's consolidated operations as of June 30, 2006. Such markets include (i) the market acquired during April 2006, (ii) the 15 markets acquired from ALLTEL in the exchange transaction completed in December 2005 and (iii) the 11 markets granted to Carroll Wireless by the FCC in January 2006 which are incremental to U.S. Cellular's currently owned or acquirable markets. Such markets exclude the two markets transferred to ALLTEL in the exchange transaction completed in December 2005. Amounts in 2005 include information related to all markets included in U.S. Cellular's consolidated operations as of June 30, 2005. For further information on acquisitions, divestitures and exchanges, see Summary of Holdings above.

(1b) Amounts in 2006 include results from all markets included in U.S. Cellular's consolidated operations for the period January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006. Such markets include (i) the market acquired during April 2006, (ii) the 15 markets acquired from ALLTEL in the exchange transaction completed in December 2005 for the period January 1 through June 30, 2006 and (iii) the 11 markets granted to Carroll Wireless by the FCC in January 2006 for the period January 6 through June 30, 2006. Such amounts exclude results from the two markets transferred to ALLTEL in the exchange transaction completed in December 2005. Amounts in 2005 include results from all markets included in U.S. Cellular's consolidated operations for the period January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005. For further information on acquisitions, divestitures and exchanges, see Summary of Holdings above.

(2) Represents 100% of the population of the markets in which U.S. Cellular had a controlling financial interest for financial reporting purposes as of June 30 of each respective year.

(3) U.S. Cellular's customer base consists of the following types of customers:

|   | June 30,<br>2006 | 2005      |
|---|------------------|-----------|
| Customers on postpay service plans in which the end user is a customer of U.S. Cellular ( postpay customers ) | 4,779,000        | 4,426,000 |
| End user customers acquired through U.S. Cellular's agreement with a third party ( reseller customers ) *     | 605,000          | 539,000   |
| Total postpay customer base   | 5,384,000        | 4,965,000 |
| Customers on prepaid service plans in which the end user is a customer of U.S. Cellular ( prepaid customers ) | 320,000          | 262,000   |
| Total customers   | 5,704,000        | 5,227,000 |

\* Pursuant to its agreement with the third party, U.S. Cellular is compensated by the third party on a postpay basis; as a result, all customers U.S. Cellular has acquired through this agreement are considered to be postpay customers.

(4) Calculated using 2005 and 2004 Claritas population estimates for 2006 and 2005, respectively. Total market population is used only for the purposes of calculating market penetration, which is calculated by dividing customers by the total market population (without duplication of population in overlapping markets).

(5) Net customer additions represents the number of net customers added to U.S. Cellular's overall customer base through all of its marketing distribution channels, excluding any customers transferred through acquisitions, divestitures or exchanges. Net retail customer additions represents the number of net customers added to U.S. Cellular's customer base through its marketing distribution channels, excluding net reseller customers added to its reseller customer base, and excluding any customers transferred through acquisitions, divestitures or exchanges. See Operating Income below for information related to U.S. Cellular's estimate of net retail customer additions for the full year 2006.

(6) Management uses this measurement to assess the amount of service revenue that U.S. Cellular generates each month on a per unit basis. Variances in this measurement are monitored and compared to variances in expenses on a per unit basis. Average monthly service revenue per customer is calculated as follows:

|  | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2006<br/>(As Restated)</b> | <b>2005<br/>(As Restated)</b> |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Service Revenues per Consolidated Statements of Operations | \$ 1,560,927  | \$ 1,360,227                  |
| Divided by average customers during period (000s) *        | 5,609   | 5,104                         |
| Divided by number of months in each period                 | 6   | 6                             |
| Average monthly service revenue per customer               | \$ 46.38  | \$ 44.42                      |

\* Average customers during period is calculated by adding the number of total customers, including reseller customers, at the beginning of the first month of the period and at the end of each month in the period and dividing by the number of months in the period plus one. Acquired and divested customers are included in the calculation on a prorated basis for the amount of time U.S. Cellular included such customers during each period.

(7) Postpay churn rate per month represents the percentage of the postpay customer base that disconnects service each month, including both postpay customers and reseller customers. Reseller customers can disconnect service without the associated account numbers being disconnected from U.S. Cellular's network if the reseller elects to reuse the customer telephone numbers. Only those reseller customer numbers that are disconnected from U.S. Cellular's network are counted in the number of postpay disconnects. The calculation is performed by first dividing the total number of postpay and reseller customers who disconnect service during the period by the number of months in such period, and then dividing that quotient by the average monthly postpay customer base, which includes both postpay and reseller customers, for such period.

(8) For a discussion of the components of this calculation, see Operating expenses Selling, general and administrative expenses, below.

**Operating Revenues** increased \$232.1 million, or 16%, to \$1,682.5 million in 2006 from \$1,450.4 million in 2005.

|  | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2006<br/>(As Restated)<br/>(Dollars in thousands)</b> | <b>2005<br/>(As Restated)</b> |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Retail service                           | \$ 1,372,822   | \$ 1,201,168                  |
| Inbound roaming                          | 74,089   | 65,188                        |
| Long-distance and other service revenues | 114,016  | 93,871                        |
| Service Revenues                         | \$ 1,560,927   | \$ 1,360,227                  |
| Equipment sales                          | 121,586  | 90,199                        |
|  | \$ 1,682,513   | \$ 1,450,426                  |

Service revenues increased \$200.7 million, or 15%, to \$1,560.9 million in 2006 from \$1,360.2 million in 2005. Service revenues primarily consist of: (i) charges for access, airtime, roaming, recovery of regulatory costs and value-added services, including data products and services, provided to U.S. Cellular's retail customers and to end users through third party resellers (retail service); (ii) charges to other wireless carriers whose customers use U.S. Cellular's wireless systems when roaming (inbound roaming); and (iii) charges for long-distance calls made on U.S. Cellular's systems. The increase in service revenues was primarily due to growth in the customer base, which increased to 5,704,000 in 2006 from 5,227,000 in 2005, and higher monthly service revenue per customer, which averaged \$46.38 in the first

six months of 2006 and \$44.42 in the first six months of 2005. See footnote 6 to the table of summarized operating data in Results of Operations above for the calculation of average monthly service revenue per customer.

*Retail service revenues* increased \$171.6 million, or 14%, to \$1,372.8 million in 2006 from \$1,201.2 million in 2005. Growth in U.S. Cellular's customer base and an increase in average monthly retail service revenue per customer were the primary reasons for the increase in retail service revenues. Average monthly retail service revenue per customer increased 4% to \$40.79 in 2006 from \$39.23 in 2005, reflecting growth in average minutes of use per customer and higher revenues from data products and services.

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The number of customers increased 9% to 5,704,000 at June 30, 2006, from 5,227,000 at June 30, 2005. The increase in the average number of customers was primarily driven by the addition of approximately 400,000 net new customers that U.S. Cellular generated from its marketing (including reseller) channels over the last twelve months. U.S. Cellular anticipates that the percentage growth in its customer base will be lower in the future, primarily as a result of increased competition and higher penetration in its markets. However, as U.S. Cellular expands its operations in its recently acquired and launched markets in future years, it anticipates adding customers and revenues in those markets.

Monthly retail minutes of use per customer increased 14% to 691 in 2006 from 606 in 2005. The increase in monthly retail minutes of use was driven by U.S. Cellular's focus on designing sales incentive programs and customer billing rate plans to stimulate overall usage. The impact on retail service revenues of the increase in average monthly retail minutes of use was offset in part by a decrease in average revenue per minute of use in 2006 compared to 2005. The decrease in average revenue per minute of use reflects the effects of increasing competition, which has led to the inclusion of an increasing number of minutes in package pricing plans and the inclusion of features such as unlimited night and weekend minutes and unlimited incoming call minutes in certain pricing plans. Additionally, the percentage of U.S. Cellular's customer base represented by prepaid and reseller customers, which generate less revenue per customer on average than postpay customers, increased from 15% at June 30, 2005 to 16% at June 30, 2006. U.S. Cellular anticipates that its average revenue per minute of use will continue to decline in the future, reflecting increased competition and continued penetration of the consumer market.

Revenues from data products and services increased to \$91.2 million in 2006 from \$59.7 million in 2005 as U.S. Cellular continued to enhance its *easyedge*SM products and introduce new offerings such as *Speedtalk*SM, a push-to-talk service, and *BlackBerry*® handsets and services.

*Inbound roaming revenues* increased \$8.9 million, or 14%, to \$74.1 million in 2006 from \$65.2 million in 2005. The increase in revenues was related primarily to an increase in roaming minutes of use, partially offset by a decrease in average inbound roaming revenue per roaming minute of use. The increase in inbound roaming minutes of use was driven primarily by the overall growth in the number of customers throughout the wireless industry. The decline in roaming revenue per minute of use was due primarily to the general downward trend in negotiated rates.

U.S. Cellular anticipates that inbound roaming minutes of use will continue to grow over the next few years, reflecting continuing industry-wide growth in customers, but that the rate of growth will decline due to higher penetration of the consumer wireless market. In addition, U.S. Cellular anticipates that the rate of decline in average inbound roaming revenue per roaming minute of use was lower over the next few years, reflecting the wireless industry trend toward longer term negotiated rates.

*Long-distance and other service revenues* increased \$20.1 million, or 21%, to \$114.0 million in 2006 from \$93.9 million in 2005. The increase reflected a \$6.3 million increase in long-distance revenues and a \$13.8 million increase in other service revenues. The increase in long-distance revenues was driven by an increase in the volume of long-distance calls billed to U.S. Cellular's customers and to other wireless carriers whose customers used U.S. Cellular's systems to make long-distance calls. The growth in other service revenues reflected an increase of \$4.3 million in tower rental revenues, driven by an increase in the number of tower space lease agreements in effect, and by an increase of \$9.1 million in the amount of funds received from the federal Universal Service Fund (USF). In the first half of 2006 and 2005, U.S. Cellular was eligible to receive eligible telecommunication carrier funds in seven and five states, respectively.

*Equipment sales revenues* increased \$31.4 million, or 35%, to \$121.6 million in 2006 from \$90.2 million in 2005. Equipment sales revenues include revenues from sales of handsets and related accessories to both new and existing customers, as well as revenues from sales of handsets to agents. All equipment sales revenues are recorded net of anticipated rebates.

U.S. Cellular continues to offer a competitive line of quality handsets to both new and existing customers. U.S. Cellular's customer retention efforts include offering new handsets at discounted prices to existing customers as the expiration date of the customer's service contract approaches. U.S. Cellular also continues to sell handsets to agents; this practice enables U.S. Cellular to provide better control over the quality of handsets sold to its customers, establish roaming preferences and earn quantity discounts from handset manufacturers which are passed along to agents. U.S. Cellular anticipates that it will continue to sell handsets to agents in the future.



The increase in equipment sales revenues in 2006 was driven by increases in both average revenue per handset sold and the number of handsets sold to customers and agents. Average revenue per handset sold increased in 2006 primarily due to changes in both the mix of handsets sold and promotional discounts. The number of handsets sold increased 20% in 2006, partly due to sales of handsets to existing customers to replace non-GPS enabled handsets. The number of customers added to U.S. Cellular's customer base through its marketing distribution channels (gross customer additions), which is a key driver of equipment sales revenues, increased 2% in 2006.

**Operating Expenses** increased \$184.8 million, or 14%, to \$1,533.6 million in 2006 from \$1,348.8 million in 2005. The major components of operating income are shown in the table below.

|   | <b>Six Months Ended</b>       |                      |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|
|   | <b>June 30,</b>               |                      |
|   | <b>2006</b>                   | <b>2005</b>          |
|   | <b>(As Restated)</b>          | <b>(As Restated)</b> |
|   | <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b> |                      |
| System operations (excluding depreciation, amortization and accretion included below) | \$ 303,873                    | \$ 286,943           |
| Cost of equipment sold  | 276,732                       | 244,059              |
| Selling, general and administrative   | 670,473                       | 563,742              |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion  | 282,511                       | 254,006              |
|   | <b>\$ 1,533,589</b>           | <b>\$ 1,348,750</b>  |

*System operations expenses (excluding depreciation, amortization and accretion)* increased \$17.0 million, or 6%, to \$303.9 million in 2006 from \$286.9 million in 2005. System operations expenses include charges from landline telecommunications service providers for U.S. Cellular's customers' use of their facilities, costs related to local interconnection to the landline network, charges for maintenance of U.S. Cellular's network, long-distance charges, outbound roaming expenses and payments to third-party data product and platform developers. Key components of the overall increase in system operations expenses were as follows:

- maintenance, utility and cell site expenses increased \$18.4 million, or 18%, primarily due to a 14% increase in full-time engineering employee equivalents and an 11% increase in the number of cell sites within U.S. Cellular's network. The number of cell sites increased by 11% to 5,583 in 2006 from 5,034 in 2005, as U.S. Cellular continued to grow by expanding and enhancing coverage in its existing markets by launching operations in new markets and through acquisitions;
- the cost of network usage on U.S. Cellular's systems increased \$10.1 million, or 9%, as total minutes used on U.S. Cellular's systems increased 31% in 2006 compared to 2005, partially offset by the ongoing reduction in the per-minute cost of usage on U.S. Cellular's network; and
- expenses incurred when U.S. Cellular's customers used other carriers' networks while roaming decreased \$11.5 million, or 15%, primarily due to a reduction in roaming rates negotiated with other carriers and a roaming tax refund of \$4.5 million related to claims filed in 2003 with respect to taxes paid in prior years.

In total, management expects system operations expenses to increase over the next few years, driven by the following factors:

- increases in the number of cell sites within U.S. Cellular's systems as it continues to add capacity and enhance quality in all markets and continues development activities in new markets; and
- increases in minutes of use, both on U.S. Cellular's systems and by U.S. Cellular's customers on other systems when roaming.

These factors are expected to be partially offset by anticipated decreases in the per-minute cost of usage both on U.S. Cellular's systems and on other carriers' networks.



*Cost of equipment sold* increased \$32.6 million, or 13%, to \$276.7 million in 2006 from \$244.1 million in 2005. The increase was due primarily to an increase in the number of handsets sold (20%), as discussed above. The effect of the increase in the number of handsets sold was partially offset by a decrease in the average cost per handset sold (5%), which reflected changes in both the mix of handsets sold and promotional discounts.

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*Selling, general and administrative expenses* increased \$106.8 million, or 19%, to \$670.5 million in 2006 from \$563.7 million in 2005. Selling, general and administrative expenses primarily consist of salaries, commissions and other expenses of field sales and retail personnel and offices; agent commissions and related expenses; corporate marketing, merchandise management and telesales department salaries and expenses; advertising; and public relations expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses also include the costs of operating U.S. Cellular's customer care centers and the majority of U.S. Cellular's corporate expenses.

The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses in 2006 is primarily due to higher expenses associated with acquiring, serving and retaining customers, primarily as a result of the 9% increase in U.S. Cellular's customer base. Key components of the increase in selling, general and administrative expenses were as follows:

- a \$35.5 million increase in expenses related to sales employees and agents. The increase in sales employee-related expenses was driven by the 10% increase in full-time sales employee equivalents; new employees were added primarily in the newly acquired and recently launched markets. In addition, initiatives focused on providing wireless 911-capable handsets to customers who did not previously have such handsets, contributed to higher sales employee-related and agent-related commissions;
- a \$23.7 million increase in advertising expenses related to marketing of the U.S. Cellular brand in newly acquired and launched markets as well as increases in spending for specific direct marketing, segment marketing, product advertising and sponsorship programs;
- a \$17.8 million increase in expenses related to the operations of U.S. Cellular's corporate office and customer care centers, primarily due to the 9% increase in the customer base;
- a \$9.6 million increase in consulting and outsourcing costs as U.S. Cellular increased its use of third parties to perform certain functions and participate in certain projects;
- an \$8.7 million increase in bad debt expense, reflecting both higher revenues and higher bad debts experience as a percent of revenues;
- a \$4.6 million increase in expenses related to universal service fund contributions and other regulatory fees and taxes. Most of the expenses related to universal service fund contributions are offset by increases in retail service revenues for amounts passed through to customers; and
- a \$6.9 million increase in stock-based compensation expense primarily due to the implementation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 123 (revised) ( SFAS 123(R) ), Share-Based Payment, as of January 1, 2006.

Sales and marketing cost per gross customer addition increased 7% to \$453 in 2006 from \$424 in 2005, primarily due to increased agent-related expenses, employee-related expenses and advertising expenses, partially offset by reduced losses on sales of handsets. Management uses the sales and marketing cost per gross customer addition measurement to assess the cost of acquiring customers and the efficiency of its marketing efforts. Sales and marketing cost per gross customer addition is not calculable using financial information derived directly from the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The definition of sales and marketing cost per gross customer addition that U.S. Cellular uses as a measure of the cost to acquire additional customers through its marketing distribution channels may not be comparable to similarly titled measures that are reported by other companies.

Below is a summary of sales and marketing cost per gross customer addition for each period:

|  | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,                           |               |
|--|--|---------------|
|  | 2006   | 2005          |
|  | (As Restated)  | (As Restated) |
|  | (Dollars in thousands,<br>except per customer amounts) |               |
| Components of cost:  |  |               |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses related to the acquisition of new customers (1) | \$ 294,236   | \$ 244,661    |
| Cost of equipment sold to new customers (2)  | 196,124  | 183,959       |
| Less equipment sales revenue from new customers (3)  | (136,725 )   | (103,697 )    |
| Total costs  | \$ 353,635   | \$ 324,923    |
| Gross customer additions (000s) (4)  | 781  | 766           |
| Sales and marketing cost per gross customer addition   | \$ 453   | \$ 424        |

(1) Selling, general and administrative expenses related to the acquisition of new customers is reconciled to total selling, general and administrative expenses as follows:

|  | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006<br>(As Restated)<br>(Dollars in thousands) | 2005<br>(As Restated) |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| Selling, general and administrative expenses, as reported                                | \$ 670,473  | \$ 563,742            |
| Less expenses related to serving and retaining customers                                 | (376,237 )  | (319,081 )            |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses related to the acquisition of new customers | \$ 294,236  | \$ 244,661            |

(2) Cost of equipment sold to new customers is reconciled to cost of equipment sold as follows:

|   | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006<br>(Dollars in thousands) | 2005       |
|---|--|------------|
| Cost of equipment sold as reported  | \$ 276,732   | \$ 244,059 |
| Less cost of equipment sold related to the retention of current customers | (80,608 )  | (60,100 )  |
| Cost of equipment sold to new customers                                   | \$ 196,124   | \$ 183,959 |

(3) Equipment sales revenue from new customers is reconciled to equipment sales revenues as follows:

|   | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2006<br>(Dollars in thousands) | 2005<br>(As Restated) |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| Equipment sales revenue as reported   | \$ 121,586   | \$ 90,199             |
| Less equipment sales revenues related to the retention of current customers, excluding agent rebates  | (26,868 )  | (12,103 )             |
| Add agent rebate reductions of equipment sales revenues related to the retention of current customers | 42,007   | 25,601                |
| Equipment sales revenues from new customers   | \$ 136,725   | \$ 103,697            |

(4) Gross customer additions represent customers added to U.S. Cellular's customer base through its marketing distribution channels, including customers added through third party resellers, during the respective periods presented.

Monthly general and administrative expenses per customer, including the net costs related to the renewal or upgrade of service contracts of existing current U.S. Cellular customers ( net customer retention costs ), increased 9% to \$14.02 in 2006 from \$12.82 in 2005, primarily due to the increase in employee-related expenses associated with acquiring, serving and retaining customers. Also, in 2006, U.S. Cellular increased spending on retention activities that are focused on providing wireless 911-capable handsets to customers who did not previously have such handsets.

U.S. Cellular uses this monthly general and administrative expenses per customer measurement to assess the cost of serving and retaining its customers on a per unit basis. This measurement is reconciled to total selling, general and administrative expenses as follows:

|   | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b>                           |                               |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
|   | <b>2006<br/>(As Restated)</b>                                  | <b>2005<br/>(As Restated)</b> |
|   | <b>(Dollars in thousands,<br/>except per customer amounts)</b> |                               |
| <b>Components of cost (1)</b>   |  |                               |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses as reported  | \$ 670,473   | \$ 563,742                    |
| Less selling, general and administrative expenses related to the acquisition of new customers         | (294,236 )   | (244,661 )                    |
| Add cost of equipment sold related to the retention of current customers                              | 80,608   | 60,100                        |
| Less equipment sales revenues related to the retention of current customers, excluding agent rebates  | (26,868)   | (12,103)                      |
| Add agent rebate reductions of equipment sales revenues related to the retention of current customers | 42,007   | 25,601                        |
| Net cost of serving and retaining customers   | \$ 471,984   | \$ 392,679                    |
| Divided by average customers during period (000s) (2)   | 5,609  | 5,104                         |
| Divided by six months in each period  | 6  | 6                             |
| <b>Average monthly general and administrative expenses per customer</b>                               | <b>\$ 14.02</b>  | <b>\$ 12.82</b>               |

(1) These components were previously identified in the summary of sales and marketing cost per customer addition and related footnotes above.

(2) The calculation of Average customers during the period is set forth in footnote 6 of the table of summarized operating data above.

*Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense* increased \$28.5 million, or 11%, to \$282.5 million in 2006 from \$254.0 million in 2005. The majority of the increase reflects a higher depreciation expense of \$20.0 million due to higher fixed assets; average fixed assets for the six months ended June 30, 2006, which increased 12% as compared to the same period in the prior year. The increase in fixed assets in 2006 resulted from the following factors:

- the addition of 549 cell sites to U.S. Cellular's network since June 30, 2005, including both those built to improve coverage and capacity in U.S. Cellular's existing service areas and those built in areas where U.S. Cellular has recently launched service; and
- the addition of radio channels and switching capacity to U.S. Cellular's network to accommodate increased usage.

See *Financial Resources* and *Liquidity and Capital Resources* for further discussions of U.S. Cellular's capital expenditures.

In 2006, depreciation expense included charges of \$6.1 million related to disposals of assets, trade-ins of older assets for replacement assets and write-offs of TDMA equipment upon disposal or consignment for future sale. In 2005, depreciation expense included charges of \$11.1 million related to such disposals, trade-ins and write-offs.

### **Operating Income**

*Operating income* increased \$47.2 million, or 46%, to \$148.9 million in 2006 from \$101.7 million in 2005. The operating income margin (as a percent of service revenues) was 9.5% in 2006 and 7.5% in 2005. The increases in operating

income and operating income margin were due to the fact that operating revenues increased more, in both dollar and percentage terms, than operating expenses, as a result of the factors which are described in detail in Operating Revenues and Operating Expenses above.

U.S. Cellular expects the above factors to continue to have an effect on operating income and operating income margin for the next several quarters. Any changes in the above factors, as well as the effects of other factors that might impact U.S. Cellular's operating results, could cause operating income and operating income margin to fluctuate over the next several quarters.

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The following are estimates of full-year 2006 service revenues; depreciation, amortization and accretion expenses; operating income; and net retail customer additions. Except for disclosed changes, such estimates are based on U.S. Cellular's currently owned and operated markets because the effect of any possible future acquisition or disposition activity cannot be predicted with accuracy or certainty. The following estimates were updated by U.S. Cellular on October 10, 2006. Such forward-looking statements should not be assumed to be accurate as of any future date. U.S. Cellular 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 these estimated results.

|   | <b>2006 Estimated Results</b> | <b>2005 Actual Results<br/>(As Restated)</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Service revenues                                  | Approx. \$3.2 billion         | \$ 2.83 billion                              |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion expenses | Approx. \$575 million         | \$ 510.5 million                             |
| Operating income (1)(2)                           | \$275-325 million             | \$ 231.2 million                             |
| Net retail customer additions                     | 330,000-360,000               | 411,000                                      |

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(1) 2005 Actual Results includes a gain of \$44.7 million resulting from sale of assets.

(2) 2006 Estimated Results reflect an estimate of stock-based compensation expense to be recorded pursuant to U.S. Cellular's implementation of SFAS 123(R) effective January 1, 2006.

**TDS TELECOM OPERATIONS**

TDS operates its wireline telephone operations through TDS Telecommunications Corporation ( TDS Telecom ), a wholly owned subsidiary. Total equivalent access lines served by TDS Telecom increased by 21,300 or 2%, since June 30, 2005 to 1,198,400. An equivalent access line is derived by converting a high-capacity data line to an estimated equivalent number, in terms of capacity, of switched access lines.

TDS Telecom's incumbent local exchange carrier subsidiaries served 747,500 equivalent access lines at June 30, 2006, a 2% (13,300 equivalent access lines) increase from 734,200 equivalent access lines at June 30, 2005.

TDS Telecom's competitive local exchange carrier subsidiary served 450,900 equivalent access lines at June 30, 2006, a 2% (8,000 equivalent access lines) increase from 442,900 equivalent access lines served at June 30, 2005.

|  | <b>Six Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2006<br/>(As Restated)<br/>(Dollars in thousands)</b> | <b>2005<br/>(As Restated)</b> |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Operations</b>   |  |                               |
| Operating Revenues                                   | \$ 322,986   | \$ 326,222                    |
| Operating Expenses                                   | 251,571  | 242,501                       |
| Operating Income                                     | 71,415   | 83,721                        |
| <b>Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Operations</b> |  |                               |
| Operating Revenues                                   | 117,229  | 118,913                       |
| Operating Expenses                                   | 119,628  | 124,596                       |
| Operating Income (Loss)                              | (2,399)  |                               |