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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009

OR

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

For the transition period from

to

Commission File Number 001-14157

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 x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes o No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x

Non-accelerated filer o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

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

Class

Common Shares, \$.01 par value Special Common Shares, \$.01 par value Series A Common Shares, \$.01 par value Outstanding at June 30, 2009 hares

51,651,691 Shares 50,959,100 Shares 6,477,322 Shares Accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company o

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q

For the Period Ended June 30, 2009

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Part I. Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Operations

(Unaudited)

| | Three Mor June | | ıded | Six Months Ended June 30, | | | | |
|--|---|---------|---|------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|--|
| | 2009 | . 50, | 2008 | | 2009 | . 50, | 2008 | |
| | | s and s | shares in thousands, except per share amounts | | | | | |
| Operating revenues | \$ 1,242,477 | \$ | 1,274,351 | \$ | 2,499,123 | \$ | 2,523,452 | |
| Operating expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Cost of services and products (excluding Depreciation, | | | | | | | | |
| amortization and accretion expense reported below) | 431,119 | | 456,796 | | 898,526 | | 903,187 | |
| Selling, general and administrative expense | 470,913 | | 473,348 | | 938,761 | | 932,639 | |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense | 183,349 | | 188,026 | | 366,115 | | 374,184 | |
| Loss on asset disposals, net | 2,496 | | 6,438 | | 4,912 | | 10,090 | |
| Total operating expenses | 1,087,877 | | 1,124,608 | | 2,208,314 | | 2,220,100 | |
| Operating income | 154,600 | | 149,743 | | 290,809 | | 303,352 | |
| Investment and other income (expense) | | | | | | | | |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities | 18,363 | | 22,909 | | 43,700 | | 44,379 | |
| Interest and dividend income | 2,902 | | 17,455 | | 4,974 | | 27,201 | |
| Interest expense | (32,245) | | (35,570) | | (62,350) | | (76,950) | |
| Gain (loss) on investments and financial instruments | | | 3,088 | | | | (402) | |
| Other, net | (25) | | 1,902 | | 474 | | 1,703 | |
| Total investment and other income (expense) | (11,005) | | 9,784 | | (13,202) | | (4,069) | |
| Income before income taxes | 143,595 | | 159,527 | | 277,607 | | 299,283 | |
| Income tax expense | 53,036 | | 53,261 | | 93,674 | | 102,512 | |
| Net income | 90,559 | | 106,266 | | 183,933 | | 196,771 | |
| Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests, | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | | 100,200 | | 100,000 | | 1,0,771 | |
| net of tax | (20,828) | | (18,509) | | (42,194) | | (35,527) | |
| Net income attributable to TDS | 69,731 | | 87,757 | | 141,739 | | 161,244 | |
| Preferred dividend requirement | (13) | | (13) | | (26) | | (26) | |
| Net income available to common | \$ 69,718 | \$ | 87,744 | \$ | 141,713 | \$ | 161,218 | |
| Basic weighted average shares outstanding | 110,741 | | 116,267 | | 111,486 | | 116,919 | |
| Basic earnings per share attributable to TDS | 110,711 | | 110,207 | | 111,100 | | 110,717 | |
| shareholders | \$ 0.63 | \$ | 0.75 | \$ | 1.27 | \$ | 1.38 | |
| Diluted weighted average shares outstanding | 110,971 | | 116,814 | | 111,698 | | 117,500 | |

| Diluted earnings per share attributable to TDS shareholders | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.75 | \$ 1.27 | \$ 1.37 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dividends per share | \$ 0.1075 | \$ 0.1025 | \$ 0.2150 | \$ 0.2050 |

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

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

| | 2009 | Six Months Ended June 30, | 2008 |
|--|------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2009 | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Net income | \$ | 183,933 \$ | 196,771 |
| Add (deduct) adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating | | | |
| activities | | | |
| Depreciation, amortization and accretion | | 366,115 | 374,184 |
| Bad debts expense | | 42,761 | 36,806 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | | 14,394 | 9,022 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | | 16,237 | (316,269) |
| Loss on investments and financial instruments, net | | | 402 |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities | | (43,700) | (44,379) |
| Distributions from unconsolidated entities | | 13,239 | 45,810 |
| Loss on asset disposals, net | | 4,912 | 10,090 |
| Noncash interest expense | | 2,170 | 7,930 |
| Excess tax benefit from stock awards | | (4) | (1,706) |
| Other operating activities | | (41) | (2,103) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities from operations | | | |
| Accounts receivable | | (62,870) | (59,440) |
| Inventory | | (9,928) | (20,830) |
| Accounts payable | | (63,963) | (4,171) |
| Customer deposits and deferred revenues | | (4,824) | 10,303 |
| Accrued taxes | | 56,741 | 304,231 |
| Accrued interest | | 513 | (3,780) |
| Other assets and liabilities | | (71,724) | (47,432) |
| | | 443,961 | 495,439 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (| (290,821) | (299,061) |
| Cash paid for acquisitions and licenses | | (15,042) | (334,350) |
| Cash received from divestitures | | 50 | 6,838 |
| Proceeds from disposition of investments | | | 226,644 |
| Cash paid to settle derivative liabilities | | | (17,404) |
| Cash paid for short-term investments | (| (109,055) | |
| Other investing activities | | 1,990 | (934) |
| | (| (412,878) | (418,267) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | |
| Issuance of notes payable | | | 100,000 |
| Repayment of notes payable | | | (50,000) |
| Repayment of variable prepaid forward contracts | | | (47,357) |
| Repayment of long-term debt | | (1,655) | (6,442) |
| TDS Common Shares and Special Common Shares reissued for benefit plans, net of tax | | | |
| payments | | 743 | 1,494 |

| U.S. Cellular Common Shares reissued for benefit plans, net of tax payments | (405) | (1,878) |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| Excess tax benefit from stock awards | 4 | 1,706 |
| Repurchase of TDS Special Common Shares | (86,565) | (83,013) |
| Repurchase of U.S. Cellular Common Shares | (19,332) | (14,516) |
| Dividends paid | (23,814) | (23,922) |
| Payment of debt issuance costs | (9,959) | |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests | (3,417) | (4,594) |
| Other financing activities | 765 | 2,067 |
| | (143,635) | (126,455) |
| | | |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (112,552) | (49,283) |
| | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents - | | |
| Beginning of period | 777,309 | 1,174,446 |
| End of period | \$ 664,757 | \$ 1,125,163 |

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

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Assets

| | June 30, 2009 (Unaudited) (Dollars in t | housa | December 31, 2008 nds) |
|---|--|-------|------------------------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 664,757 | \$ | 777,309 |
| Short-term investments | 136,495 | | 27,705 |
| Accounts receivable | | | |
| Due from customers, less allowances of \$12,250 and \$12,822, respectively | 390,211 | | 377,054 |
| Other, principally connecting companies, less allowances of \$5,935 and \$6,380, | | | |
| respectively | 151,017 | | 139,795 |
| Inventory | 130,963 | | 122,377 |
| Net deferred income tax asset | 27,758 | | 27,758 |
| Prepaid expenses | 83,457 | | 93,382 |
| Other current assets | 71,144 | | 63,556 |
| | 1,655,802 | | 1,628,936 |
| Investments | | | |
| Licenses | 1,453,526 | | 1,441,440 |
| Goodwill | 707,840 | | 707,079 |
| Customer lists, net of accumulated amortization of \$103,734 and \$97,891, respectively | 28,189 | | 34,032 |
| Investments in unconsolidated entities | 234,409 | | 205,768 |
| Other investments | 10,177 | | 10,623 |
| | 2,434,141 | | 2,398,942 |
| Property, plant and equipment | | | |
| In service and under construction | 8,447,510 | | 8,680,388 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | 4,944,900 | | 5,111,464 |
| | 3,502,610 | | 3,568,924 |
| | | | |
| Other assets and deferred charges | 65,179 | | 55,614 |
| | | | |
| Total assets | \$ 7,657,732 | \$ | 7,652,416 |

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

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Liabilities and Stockholders Equity

| | June 30, 2009 (Unaudited) | D | ecember 31, 2008 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| | (Dollars in t | housand | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ 17,427 | \$ | 15,337 |
| Accounts payable | 258,484 | | 319,575 |
| Customer deposits and deferred revenues | 169,277 | | 174,101 |
| Accrued interest | 14,749 | | 14,236 |
| Accrued taxes | 39,618 | | 25,192 |
| Accrued compensation | 66,492 | | 90,512 |
| Other current liabilities | 114,915 | | 134,334 |
| | 680,962 | | 773,287 |
| Deferred liabilities and credits | | | |
| Net deferred income tax liability | 485,290 | | 471,623 |
| Other deferred liabilities and credits | 383,507 | | 368,045 |
| | 868,797 | | 839,668 |
| Long-term debt | 1,619,341 | | 1,621,422 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | | |
| Noncontrolling interests with mandatory redemption features | 640 | | 589 |
| Equity | | | |
| TDS stockholders equity | | | |
| Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 100,000,000 shares; issued 57,082,000 shares | 571 | | 571 |
| Special Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 165,000,000 shares; issued | (a.) | | (2) |
| 63,442,000 shares | 634 | | 634 |
| Series A Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 25,000,000 shares; issued | | | |
| and outstanding 6,477,000 and 6,461,000 shares, respectively | 65 | | 65 |
| Capital in excess of par value | 2,075,420 | | 2,066,597 |
| Treasury shares at cost: | | | |
| Common Shares, 5,430,000 and 5,435,000 shares, respectively | (162,713) | | (163,017) |
| Special Common Shares, 12,483,000 and 9,352,000 shares, respectively | (433,440) | | (350,091) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (13,309) | | (16,812) |
| Retained earnings | 2,346,702 | | 2,229,540 |
| Total TDS stockholders equity | 3,813,930 | | 3,767,487 |
| Nonredeemable preferred shares | 852 | | 852 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 673,210 | | 649,111 |
| Total equity | 4,487,992 | | 4,417,450 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 7,657,732 | \$ | 7,652,416 |

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

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

(Unaudited)

| (Dollars in thousands) | | of Comn | notion | nmon | Capital in Excess of Par Value | TDS Sha Treasury Common Shares | areholders Treasury Ac Special CommonCor Shares | Other | e Retained Earnings | Shareholder Pr | Non leemable Non referreckontrolling Shares Interests | Total Equity |
|--|----------------|---------|--------|------|--------------------------------------|---|---|----------|------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| December 31, 2008 | \$ 57 1 | 1\$6 | 34 \$ | 65 | \$ 2,066,597 | \$ (163,017) | \$ (350,091) \$ | (16,812) | \$ 2,229,540 | \$ 3,767,487 \$ | 8 852 \$ 649,111 \$ | 4,417,450 |
| Net income excluding portion attributable to noncontrolling interests with mandatory redemption features | 5 | | | | | | | | 141,739 | 141,739 | 42,143 | 183,882 |
| Net unrealized losses on equity investments | | | | | | | | (501) | | (501) | | (501) |
| Changes in plan assets and projected benefit obligation related to retirement plans | 1 | | | | | | | 4,004 | | 4,004 | | 4,004 |
| Dividends: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common, Special Common and Series A Common Shares | | | | | | | | | (23,788 |) (23,788) | | (23,788) |
| Preferred shares | | | | | | | | | (26) |) (26) | | (26) |
| Repurchase of shares | | | | | | | (86,018) | | | (86,018) | | (86,018) |
| Dividend reinvestment plan | | | | | (13) | 278 | 450 | | 79 | 794 | | 794 |
| Incentive and compensation plans | 5 | | | | (53) | 26 | 2,219 | | (842) |) 1,350 | | 1,350 |
| Adjust investment in subsidiaries for repurchases, issuances and other compensation plans | | | | | 2,545 | | | | | 2,545 | (14,627) | (12,082) |

| Stock-based compensation awards | 6,420 | 6,420 | 6,420 |
|--|--|--|----------------------|
| Tax windfall (shortfall) from stock awards | (76) | (76) | (76) |
| Distributions to noncontrolling interests | | | (3,417) (3,417) |
| June 30, 2009 | \$ 571 \$ 634 \$ 65 \$ 2,075,420 \$ (162,713) \$ (433,440) \$ | (13,309) \$ 2,346,702 \$ 3,813,930 \$ 852 \$ 6 | 673,210 \$ 4,487,992 |

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

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

(Unaudited)

| TDS Shareholders | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Treasury Accumulated Non | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SpecialSeries A Capital in | Treasury | Special O | ther | Total | redeemable Non | | | | | |
| (Dollars in | Commocommocommon Excess of | Common | Common Comp | rehensive Retained | Shareholde | rPreferrectontrolling | Total | | | | |
| thousands) | Shares Shares Shares Par Value | Shares | Shares In | come Earnings | Equity | Shares Interests | Equity | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

December 31, 2007 \$ 571 \$ 634 \$ 64 \$ 2,048,110 \$ (120,549) \$ (204,919) \$ 511,776 \$ 1,690,651 \$ 3,926,338 \$ 860 \$ 654,971 \$ 4,582,169

| Net income excluding portion attributable to noncontrolling interests with mandatory | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|-------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| redemption features | | | | | | 161,244 | 161,244 | 36,613 | 197,857 |
| Net unrealized gains on securities | | | | | 399 | | 399 | 8 | 407 |
| Adoption of FAS 159 | | | | | (502,677) | 502,677 | | | |
| Changes in plan assets and projected benefit obligation related to retirement plans | | | | | 48 | | 48 | | 48 |
| Dividends: | | | | | | | | | |
| Common, Special Common and Series A Common | | | | | | (22,000) | (22.000) | | |
| Shares | | | | | | (23,896) | (23,896) | | (23,896) |
| Preferred shares | | | | | | (26) | (26) | | (26) |
| Repurchase of shares | | | | (84,679) | | | (84,679) | | (84,679) |
| Dividend reinvestment plan | 1 | 1,078 | | | | | 1,079 | | 1,079 |
| Incentive and compensation plans | | (145) | 2,038 | 5,912 | | (5,836) | 1,969 | | 1,969 |
| Adjust investment in subsidiaries for repurchases, issuances and other | | 3,068 | | | | | 3,068 | (4,164) | (1,096) |

| compensation plans | | | |
|--------------------|--|---|-----------|
| | | | |
| Stock-based | | | |
| compensation | | | |
| awards | 2,541 | 2,541 | 2,541 |
| | | | |
| Tax windfall | | | |
| (shortfall) from | | | |
| stock awards | 1,025 | 1,025 | 1,025 |
| | | | |
| Distributions to | | | |
| noncontrolling | | | |
| interests | | (4,594) | (4,594) |
| | | | |
| June 30, 2008 | \$ 571 \$ 634 \$ 65 \$ 2,055,677 \$ (118,511) \$ (283,686) | \$ 9,546 \$ 2,324,814 \$ 3,989,110 \$ 860 \$ 682,834 \$ | 4,672,804 |

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

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

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 (GAAP). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of TDS and its majority-owned subsidiaries, including TDS 81%-owned wireless telephone subsidiary, United States Cellular Corporation (U.S. Cellular®), TDS 100%-owned wireline telephone subsidiary, TDS Telecommunications Corporation (TDS Telecom®) and TDS 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 recognize a majority of the entity s expected gains or losses. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2009 presentation.

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 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 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

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, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, and cash flows and changes in equity for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008. The results of operations for the three and six months, and cash flows and changes in equity for the six months ended June 30, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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 June 30, | | | | Six Months Ended June 30, | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|---------------------|---------|------------------------------|----|---------|--|
| | 2009 | | 2008 (Dollars in | thousai | 2009 nds) | | 2008 | |
| Service cost | \$ 535 | \$ | 499 | \$ | 1,070 | \$ | 998 | |
| Interest on accumulated benefit | | | | | | | | |
| obligation | 890 | | 863 | | 1,779 | | 1,726 | |
| Expected return on plan assets | (643) | | (948) | | (1,328) | | (1,896) | |
| Amortization of: | | | | | | | | |
| Prior service cost | (200) | | (207) | | (400) | | (414) | |
| Net loss | 451 | | 242 | | 903 | | 484 | |
| Net postretirement cost | \$ 1,033 | \$ | 449 | \$ | 2,024 | \$ | 898 | |

TDS contributed \$2.9 million to the postretirement plans during the six months ended June 30, 2009.

Amounts Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities

If the tax is assessed upon the customer and TDS merely acts as an agent in collecting the tax on behalf of the governmental authority imposing such tax, the amounts collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are recorded net in Accrued taxes in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. If the tax is assessed upon TDS, the amounts collected from customers as recovery of the tax are recorded in Operating revenues and the amounts remitted to governmental authorities are recorded in Selling, general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. The amounts recorded in Operating revenues that are billed to customers and remitted to governmental authorities totaled \$31.0 million and \$60.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, and \$40.4 million and \$77.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively.

Implementation of SFAS No. 141(R)

Effective January 1, 2009, TDS adopted the provisions of FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 (revised 2007), *Business Combinations a replacement of FASB Statement No. 141* (SFAS 141(R)), which replaces SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations* (SFAS 141). Although SFAS 141(R) retains the underlying concept of SFAS 141 in that all business combinations are still required to be accounted for at fair value in accordance with the acquisition method, SFAS 141(R) requires TDS to revise its application of the acquisition method in a number of significant aspects, such as requiring the expensing of transaction costs and requiring the acquirer to recognize 100% of the acquiree s assets and liabilities, rather than a proportional share, for acquisitions of less than 100% of a business. In addition, SFAS 141(R) eliminates the step acquisition model and provides that all business combinations, whether full, partial or step acquisitions, will result in all assets and liabilities of an acquired business being recorded at their fair values at the acquisition date.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS 141(R)-1, *Accounting for Assets and Liabilities Assumed in a Business Combination That Arise from Contingencies* (FSP FAS 141(R)-1), which amends the initial and subsequent measurement guidance and disclosure requirements in SFAS 141(R) for assets and liabilities arising from contingencies in a business combination. FSP FAS 141(R)-1 is effective on a prospective basis for all business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after January 1, 2009. TDS did not have any business combinations accounted for under SFAS 141(R) during the six months ended June 30, 2009.

Implementation of SFAS No. 160

See Note 3 Noncontrolling Interests for information related to TDS adoption of SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements* an amendment of ARB No. 51 (SFAS 160).

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS 132(R)-1, *Employers Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets* (FSP FAS 132(R)-1). FSP FAS 132(R)-1 provides guidance on disclosing information about assets held in a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. The guidance addresses disclosures relating to (a) categories of plan assets, (b) concentrations of risk arising within or across categories of plan assets, and (c) fair value measurements of plan assets. FSP FAS 132(R)-1 is effective for TDS on December 31, 2009 and will impact TDS financial statement year-end disclosures related to its defined benefit postretirement plans.

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 167, *Amendments to FASB Interpretation No.* 46(R) (SFAS 167). SFAS 167 changes how TDS will determine when an entity that is insufficiently capitalized or is not controlled through voting (or similar rights) should be consolidated. TDS has several variable interest entities within the scope of SFAS 167 (see Note 6 Variable Interest Entities). SFAS 167 is effective for TDS on January 1, 2010. TDS is currently reviewing the requirements of SFAS 167 and has not yet determined the impact of adoption, if any, on its financial position or results of operations.

3. Noncontrolling Interests

Implementation of SFAS No. 160

Effective January 1, 2009, TDS adopted the provisions of SFAS 160.

Pursuant to SFAS 160, the following provisions were applied retrospectively to all periods presented in the financial statements:

• TDS reclassified noncontrolling interests, formerly known as minority interests, from a separate caption between liabilities and stockholders equity (mezzanine section) to a component of equity, with the exception of noncontrolling interests with redemption features, which require mezzanine section presentation in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force Topic No. D-98, *Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities*. Previously, minority interests generally were reported in the balance sheet in the mezzanine section.

• Consolidated net income and comprehensive income include amounts attributable to both TDS and the noncontrolling interests. Previously, net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests was reported as a deduction in arriving at consolidated net income. This presentation change does not impact the calculation of basic or diluted earnings per share, which continue to be calculated based on Net income attributable to TDS.

• Shares of TDS held by its subsidiary are reflected as treasury shares in the consolidated financial statements. Previously, these shares were not reflected as issued shares and treasury shares in the consolidated financial statements. As a result, 484,012 Common Shares and 484,012 Special Common Shares were added to both Common and Special Common Shares issued and Treasury Shares in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

Pursuant to SFAS 160, the following provisions were applied prospectively effective January 1, 2009:

• SFAS 160 provides that all earnings and losses of a subsidiary should be attributed to the parent and the noncontrolling interest, even if the losses attributable to the noncontrolling interest result in a deficit noncontrolling interest balance. Previously, any losses exceeding the noncontrolling interest s investment in the subsidiary were attributed to the parent. This change did not have a significant impact on TDS financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

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• SFAS 160 establishes that once control of a subsidiary is obtained, changes in ownership interests in that subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control shall be accounted for as equity transactions. Previously, decreases in ownership interest in a subsidiary were accounted for as equity transactions, while increases in ownership interests in a subsidiary were accounted for as step acquisitions under the provisions of SFAS 141. Therefore, U.S. Cellular s repurchases of U.S. Cellular Common Shares during the six months ended June 30, 2009 were accounted for as equity transactions in TDS financial statements, whereby the difference between the fair value of the consideration paid and the related carrying value of the noncontrolling interests was recorded as Capital in excess of par value in TDS Consolidated Balance Sheet. Previously, these transactions had been recorded as step acquisitions in TDS financial statements. The following schedule discloses the effects of net income and changes in TDS ownership interest in U.S. Cellular on TDS equity for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008:

| | Six Months Ended June 30, | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|----|----------|--|--|
| | | 2009 | | 2008 (1) | | |
| | | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| Net income attributable to TDS | \$ | 141,739 | \$ | 161,244 | | |
| Transfer (to) from the noncontrolling interests | | | | | | |
| Change in TDS Capital in excess of par value from U.S. Cellular s | | | | | | |
| issuance of U.S. Cellular shares | | (3,277) | | (7,800) | | |
| Change in TDS Capital in excess of par value from U.S. Cellular s | | | | | | |
| repurchase of U.S. Cellular shares | | (405) | | | | |
| Net transfers (to) from noncontrolling interests | | (3,682) | | (7,800) | | |
| Change from net income attributable to TDS and transfers (to) from | | | | | | |
| noncontrolling interests | \$ | 138,057 | \$ | 153,444 | | |

⁽¹⁾ During the six months ended June 30, 2008, U.S. Cellular repurchased U.S. Cellular Common Shares and also purchased noncontrolling interests in a consolidated subsidiary. TDS accounted for these transactions as step acquisitions under the provisions of SFAS 141. The amounts recorded in these transactions are reflected in the changes in the balances of Licenses, Goodwill and Customer lists.

Mandatorily Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests in Subsidiaries