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VIA CAPITAL FILING SPECIALISTS

Federal Communications Commission International Bureau - Telecommunications P.O. Box 358115 Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5115

Re:

Application to Transfer

International Global Resale Authority

Dear Ms. Salas:

Herewith transmitted, on behalf of Chorus Communications, Ltd., the transferor, and Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., the transferee, is an application, filed pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(3) of the FCC's Rules, to transfer control of the international global resale authority held by Chorus's subsidiary, Chorus Networks, Inc. Also transmitted is the required fee form and filing fee.

In the event there are questions pertaining to the transferee's portion of the application, please contact the undersigned. In the event there are questions about the transferor's portion, please contact Arthur Bresnahan, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, 60606-1285, (312-407-0700).

Very truly yours,

Peter M. Connolly

cc (w/encl.): Arthur Bresnahan, Esq.

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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
Chorus Networks, Inc., f/k/a Mid-Plains Communications Systems, Inc.)	File No.
Application for Transfer of Control)))	

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL

Chorus Communications Group, Ltd. ("Chorus" or "Transferor") and its wholly owned subsidiary Chorus Networks, Inc. f/k/a Mid-Plains Communications Systems, Inc. ("Chorus Networks") and Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ("Transferee" or "TDS"), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214 (the "Act"), and Section 63.18(e)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(3), hereby seek authority to transfer control of the international global resale Section 214 authority held by Chorus Networks, File No. ITC-94-239. The subject transfer of control is part of a larger transaction by which Singer Acquisition Corp. ("Singer"), a wholly owned subsidiary of TDS, will merge with and into Chorus, leaving Chorus a wholly owned subsidiary of TDS. The consideration for the merger will be the payment of cash by TDS to Chorus's shareholders in exchange for their shares in Chorus. Thus, Chorus Networks as a subsidiary of Chorus, will also be a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of TDS. In support hereof, and in accordance with the specific provisions of Section 63.18, the parties respectfully submit the following information:

(a) Name and Address of Chorus Networks:

Chorus Networks, Inc. 1912 Parmenter St. Middleton, WI 53562 Telephone: (608) 831-1000

Name and Address of Transferor:

Chorus Communications Group, Ltd. 8501 Excelsior Drive Madison, WI 53717 Telephone: (608) 826-4200

Name and Address of Transferee:

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 400 Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 630-1900

- (b) Transferor is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Transferee is a Delaware corporation.
- (c) All correspondence on behalf of the Transferor should be sent to:

Grant Spellmeyer Chorus Networks, Inc. 7520 Elmwood Avenue Middleton, WI 53562

Telephone: (608) 826-4440

with a copy to:

Warren G. Lavey Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Illinois) 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606 Telephone: (312) 407-0700

All correspondence on behalf of the Transferee should be sent to:

Byron A. Wertz

Vice President
Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.
7900 International Drive, Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55425
Telephone: (952) 876-4038

with a copy to:

Peter M. Connolly
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Washington, DC 20006
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(d) Statement of previously received Section 214 authority:

Mid-Plains was granted effective on May 14, 1994 authority under Section 214 of the Act in FCC File No. ITC-94-239 to resell services internationally.

Chorus and Chorus Networks (and other Chorus subsidiaries) also possess blanket Section 214 authorizations, pursuant to Section 63.01 of the Commission's Rules, to provide domestic switched, private line, data, television and business services to all interstate points through the resale of existing facilities of authorized U.S. common carriers. An application for the transfer of control over that authority is simultaneously being filed with the Commission.

Transferee is engaged in the business of acquiring and operating, as a holding company, telephone and other companies primarily in the communications industry. Multiple subsidiary companies held by TDS currently hold Section 214 authority.

- (e) Chorus Networks will continue to provide global resale services, operating as a resale carrier pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the Commission's rules. Transferee certifies that it will comply with the terms and conditions contained in 47 C.F.R. §§63.21 and 63.23.
- (f) n/a
- (g) n/a
- (h) Transferee ownership: Please refer to the attached FCC Form 602 Ownership Disclosure filed with the Commission for TDS on October 20, 2000.

- (i) Transferee certifies that it is not itself a foreign carrier and is not affiliated with a foreign carrier.
- (j) n/a See Section (i) above
- (k) n/a See Section (i) above
- (l) n/a See Section (i) above
- (m) n/a See Section (i) above
- (n) Transferee certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier or administration with respect to traffic or revenue flows between the U.S. and any foreign country which the applicant may serve under the authority granted under this part and will not enter into such agreements in the future.
- (o) Transferee certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, neither Transferee nor any party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853a.
- (p) n/a

Wherefore, the parties to this application respectfully submit that the present and future public convenience and necessity will be ie, the

application. The parties certify that the statements contained in the foregoing docum	
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correct and complete to the best of their knowledge, information and belief. According	ordinoly t
parties respectfully request that the Commission grant this application.	
Respectfully submitted,	
- <i>,</i>	
Chorus Networks, Inc.	
By	
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Date: 320 Title: UP + Secretary (offi	cer)
Chorus Communications Group, Ltd.	
By:	
Name: Corant D. Spellney	
Date: 3201 Title: Vr + Secretary (offi	cer)
Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.	
By:	
Name:	
Date:(office	er)

Wherefore, the parties to this application respectfully submit that the present and future public convenience and necessity will be served by the grant of this transfer of control application. The parties certify that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true, correct and complete to the best of their knowledge, information and belief. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Commission grant this application.

	Respectfully submitted,	
	Chorus Networks, Inc.	
	By:	
•	Name:	
Date:	Title:(officer)	
	Chorus Communications Group, Ltd.	
	Ву:	
	Name:	
Date:	Title:(officer)	
	Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.	
	By: Sudolph Zo SornaceB	
	Name: Nower & HORNACE	
Date:March 5, 2001	Title: L. P ENGINEE PING (officer)	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Aileen M. Caffey, a secretary in the offices of Holland & Knight, hereby certify that I have, on this 7th day of March, sent a copy of the foregoing application for transfer of control to the following:

Governor Scott McCallum State of Wisconsin 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

Secretary of State
Attention: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20520

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