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Attention Customers of TDS companies, Merrimack County Telephone Company, Kearsarge Telephone Company, Wilton Telephone Company, and Hollis Telephone Company

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is considering requests for an alternative form of regulation (AFOR) filed by four subsidiaries of TDS Telecommunications Corp.: Merrimack County Telephone Company, Kearsarge Telephone Company, Wilton Telephone Company, and Hollis Telephone Company. If approved, the companies may increase rates by 10% per year without additional Commission approval. In certain instances, according to the companies' filings, the annual rate increases may exceed 10%. A significant issue for the PUC to consider is whether customers of these companies have competitive alternatives to TDS companies' basic local telephone service.

The PUC has scheduled three public statement hearings to receive comments from customers of these public utilities and any other interested person or group. The location, date and time of each meeting is listed below.

September 17, 2007 at 7:00pm: Wilton-Lyndeborough High School
57 School Road
Wilton, New Hampshire

October 4, 2007 at 7:00pm: Kearsarge Regional High School
North Road
North Sutton, New Hampshire

October 10, 2007 at 7:00pm: Hopkinton High School
297 Park Avenue
Contoocook, New Hampshire

For more information about the AFOR requests of the TDS companies or the PUC's docket, DT 07-027, please contact the PUC at 1-800-852-3793 toll free within New Hampshire or 603-271-2431, or visit the PUC's website at www.puc.nh.gov.

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