

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 10-Q/A

(Amendment No. 2)

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

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2003

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#### 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)

**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**

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**Not Applicable**

(Former address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

Class	Outstanding at June 30, 2003
Common Shares, \$.01 par value	50,934,645 Shares
Series A Common Shares, \$.01 par value	6,430,365 Shares

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ( TDS ) is filing this Amendment No. 2 to its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, which was originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) on August 8, 2003, and which was amended by Amendment No. 1 on February 17, 2004 (the Quarterly Report ), to amend Part I, Item 1 Financial Statements and Item 2 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition and Part II, Item 6 Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K of the Quarterly Report. In addition, as required by Rule 12b-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, updated certifications by the TDS principal executive officer and principal financial officer are being filed as exhibits to this Form 10-Q/A.

This amendment does not amend any other Items except those indicated above and does not update any of the disclosures contained in the Quarterly Report as previously amended except as expressly provided herein. The filing of this Form 10-Q/A shall not be deemed an admission that the original or amended filings, when made, included any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary to make a statement not misleading.

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TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC.

2nd QUARTER REPORT ON FORM 10-Q/A

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

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003 (As Restated)	2002 (As Restated)	2003 (As Restated)	2002 (As Restated)
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)				
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 851,287	\$ 720,443	\$ 1,658,705	\$ 1,385,640
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Cost of services and products (exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion expense shown below)	263,188	209,608	525,586	399,430
Selling, general and administrative expense	347,575	271,907	684,076	530,016
Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense	144,902	115,636	296,129	227,535
(Gain) Loss on assets held for sale	3,500		27,000	
	759,165	597,151	1,532,791	1,156,981
OPERATING INCOME	92,122	123,292	125,914	228,659
<b>INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>				
Interest and dividend income	6,069	48,167	10,397	50,234
Investment income	13,517	7,752	26,267	18,789
Gain (loss) on marketable securities and other investments	(5,000)	(1,719,126)	(8,500)	(1,756,526)
Interest expense	(43,996)	(29,095)	(87,353)	(58,719)
Minority interest in income of subsidiary trust	(6,202)	(6,202)	(12,405)	(12,405)
Other (expense), net	(7,097)	(1,223)	(5,938)	(17)
	(42,709)	(1,699,727)	(77,532)	(1,758,644)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND MINORITY INTEREST	49,413	(1,576,435)	48,382	(1,529,985)
Income tax expense (benefit)	23,623	(609,530)	27,447	(587,118)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE MINORITY INTEREST	25,790	(966,905)	20,935	(942,867)
Minority Share of (Income) Loss	(6,294)	15,115	(6,451)	5,087
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGES	19,496	(951,790)	14,484	(937,780)

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Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax and minority interest				(11,789)		3,366
NET INCOME (LOSS)	19,496	(951,790)	2,695	(934,414)		
Preferred Dividend Requirement	(104)	(106)	(209)	(218)		
NET INCOME (LOSS) AVAILABLE TO COMMON	\$ 19,392	\$ (951,896)	\$ 2,486	\$ (934,632)		
BASIC WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING (000s)	57,474	58,639	58,034	58,619		
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE (Note 7)						
Income (Loss) Before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.23)	\$ 0.24	\$ (16.00)		
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes			(0.20)	0.06		
Net income (loss) available to common	0.34	(16.23)	0.04	(15.94)		
DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING (000s)	57,671	58,639	58,062	58,619		
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (Note 7)						
Income (Loss) Before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.23)	\$ 0.24	\$ (16.00)		
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes			(0.20)	0.06		
Net income (loss) available to common	0.34	(16.23)	0.04	(15.94)		
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	\$ 0.155	\$ 0.145	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.29		

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

TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIESCONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWSUnaudited

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2002
	As Restated	As Restated
	(Dollars in thousands)	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 14,484	\$ (937,780)
Add (Deduct) adjustments to reconcile income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	296,129	227,535
Deferred taxes	21,565	(633,027)
Investment income	(26,267)	(18,789)
Minority share of income	6,451	(5,087)
Loss on assets of operations held for sale	27,000	
(Gain) loss on marketable securities and other investments	8,500	1,756,526
Noncash interest expense	13,195	4,718
Other noncash expense	14,566	8,965
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Change in accounts receivable	81,118	(19,594)
Change in materials and supplies	(32,395)	26,939
Change in accounts payable	(82,135)	(27,242)
Change in advanced billings and customer deposits	13,137	10,420
Change in accrued taxes	(8,678)	32,420
Change in other assets and liabilities	(25,648)	(14,710)
	321,022	411,294
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Capital expenditures	(360,924)	(327,286)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(1,244)	(73,722)
Increase in notes receivable	(7)	(2,431)
Refund of FCC deposit		47,565
Distributions from unconsolidated entities	17,884	6,217
Investments in and advances to unconsolidated entities	(1,465)	(1,695)
Other investing activities	(138)	(8,279)
	(345,894)	(359,631)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in notes payable	143,560	(248,400)
Issuance of long-term debt	450	179,850

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Repayments of long-term debt	(14,549)	(8,418)
Prepayment of long-term notes	(40,680)	(51,000)
Repurchase of TDS Common Shares	(56,522)	
Dividends paid	(18,184)	(17,227)
Other financing activities	1,503	(2,657)
	15,578	(147,852)
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(9,294)</b>	<b>(96,189)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS -</b>		
Beginning of period	1,298,936	140,744
End of period	\$ 1,289,642	\$ 44,555

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

TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIESCONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETSASSETSUnaudited

	June 30, 2003	December 31, 2002
	As Restated	
	(Dollars in thousands)	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,289,642	\$ 1,298,936
Accounts receivable		
Due from customers, less allowance of \$24,860 and \$24,627, respectively	247,736	272,997
Other, principally connecting companies, less allowance of \$11,781 and \$15,848, respectively	147,400	175,036
Federal income tax receivable		40,000
Materials and supplies, at average cost	103,998	72,441
Other current assets	115,984	88,602
	1,904,760	1,948,012
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Marketable equity securities	2,300,233	1,944,939
Wireless license costs	979,759	1,038,556
Goodwill	1,005,029	1,106,451
Customer lists, net of accumulated amortization of \$15,543 and \$6,567, respectively	31,111	40,087
Investments in unconsolidated entities	215,121	205,995
Notes receivable, less valuation allowance of \$55,144 and \$55,144, respectively	6,476	7,287
Other investments	15,139	14,914
	4,552,868	4,358,229
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET</b>		
U.S. Cellular	2,191,318	2,148,432
TDS Telecom	1,050,385	1,047,811
	3,241,703	3,196,243
<b>OTHER ASSETS AND DEFERRED CHARGES</b>		
Derivative asset		2,630
Other	96,458	96,914
	96,458	99,544

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ASSETS OF OPERATIONS HELD FOR SALE		223,876		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	10,019,665	\$	9,602,028

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

TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIESCONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETSLIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITYUnaudited

	June 30, 2003	December 31, 2002
	As Restated	
	(Dollars in thousands)	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 84,861	\$ 64,482
Notes payable	605,352	461,792
Accounts payable	274,218	361,758
Advance billings and customer deposits	106,312	95,922
Accrued interest	33,110	31,751
Accrued taxes	41,552	34,413
Accrued compensation	49,750	58,678
Other current liabilities	50,339	58,370
	1,245,494	1,167,166
<b>DEFERRED LIABILITIES AND CREDITS</b>		
Net deferred income tax liability	1,227,862	1,170,505
Derivative liability	302,946	61,160
Asset retirement obligations	89,361	
Other	59,369	55,645
	1,679,538	1,287,310
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
Long-term debt, excluding current portion	1,567,315	1,641,624
Prepaid forward contracts	1,664,595	1,656,616
	3,231,910	3,298,240
<b>LIABILITIES OF OPERATIONS HELD FOR SALE</b>	9,005	
<b>MINORITY INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES</b>	495,248	489,735
<b>COMPANY-OBLIGATED MANDATORILY REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SECURITIES of Subsidiary Trust</b>		
Holding Solely Company Subordinated Debentures (a)	300,000	300,000

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PREFERRED SHARES	6,704	6,954
<b>COMMON STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 100,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 56,103,000 and 55,875,000 shares, respectively	561	559
Series A Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 25,000,000; issued and outstanding 6,430,000 and 6,602,000 shares, respectively	64	66
Capital in excess of par value	1,834,365	1,832,806
Treasury Shares, at cost, 5,168,000 and 3,799,000 shares, respectively	(460,298)	(404,169)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	260,906	191,704
Retained earnings	1,416,168	1,431,657
	3,051,766	3,052,623
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 10,019,665</b>	<b>\$ 9,602,028</b>

(a) The sole asset of TDS Capital I is \$154.6 million principal amount of 8.5% subordinated debentures due 2037 from TDS. The sole asset of TDS Capital II is \$154.6 million principal amount of 8.04% subordinated debentures due 2038 from TDS.

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

TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of 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. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although TDS believes that the disclosures 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 latest annual report on Form 10-K.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring items) necessary to present fairly the financial position as of June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002, the results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 and the cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002. The results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

Certain amounts reported in prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

U.S. Cellular and TDS adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, in January 2003. In the fourth quarter of 2003, U.S. Cellular revised the probability that its lease cell sites would require remediation resulting in TDS restating its financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003. See Note 18 Restatement of Financial Statements and Note 6 - Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes.

U.S. Cellular made changes to its accounting policies which required TDS to restate certain items on its income statement for the three and six months ended June 30, 2002. See Note 6 Effects of 2002 Accounting Changes for the impact on operating income, net income (loss) and earnings per share.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Assets and Liabilities of Operations Held for Sale

On March 10, 2003, U.S. Cellular announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement with AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. ( AT&T Wireless ) to exchange wireless properties. When this transaction is fully consummated, U.S. Cellular will receive 10 and 20 megahertz personal

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communication service licenses in 13 states, approximately \$31 million in cash (excluding a working capital adjustment) and minority interests in six markets it currently controls. U.S. Cellular will transfer wireless assets and customers in 10 markets in Florida and Georgia to AT&T Wireless. The assignment and development of certain licenses will be deferred by U.S. Cellular for a period of up to five years from the closing date, in accordance with the exchange agreement. The acquisition of licenses in the exchange will be accounted for as a purchase by U.S. Cellular and the transfer of the properties by U.S. Cellular to AT&T Wireless will be accounted for as a sale. The closing of the transfer of the U.S. Cellular properties to AT&T Wireless and the assignments to U.S. Cellular from AT&T Wireless of a portion of the personal communication service licenses is expected to occur on August 1, 2003.

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, the balance sheet as of June 30, 2003 reflects the assets and liabilities of the wireless properties to be transferred to AT&T Wireless as assets and liabilities of operations held for sale. The assets and liabilities of operations held for sale have been presented separately in the asset and liability sections of the balance sheet. The revenues and expenses of these markets are included in operations. See Note 10 Assets and Liabilities of Operations Held for Sale for a summary of assets and liabilities of the markets to be disposed of.

## Stock-Based Compensation

TDS accounts for stock options and employee stock purchase plans under Accounting Principles Board ( APB ) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees as allowed by SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation.

No compensation costs have been recognized for the stock option and employee stock purchase plans. Had compensation costs for all plans been expensed and the value determined consistent with SFAS No. 123, TDS's net income (loss) available to common and earnings per share would have been reduced to the following pro forma amounts.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003 As Restated	2002	2003 As Restated	2002
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)				
<b>Net Income (Loss) Available to Common</b>				
As Reported	\$ 19,392	\$ (951,896)	\$ 2,486	\$ (934,632)
Pro Forma Expense	2,593	2,857	4,390	5,714
Pro Forma Net Income (Loss) Available to Common	\$ 16,799	\$ (954,753)	\$ (1,904)	\$ (940,346)
<b>Basic Earnings Per Share</b>				
As Reported	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.23)	\$ 0.04	\$ (15.94)
Pro Forma Expense Per Share	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.08)	(0.10)
Pro Forma Basic Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.29	\$ (16.28)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (16.04)
<b>Diluted Earnings Per Share</b>				
As Reported	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.23)	\$ 0.04	\$ (15.94)
Pro Forma Expense Per Share	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.08)	(0.10)
Pro Forma Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.29	\$ (16.28)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (16.04)

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

FASB Interpretation No. 46 ( FIN 46 ), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, was issued in January 2003, and is effective for all variable interests in variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003, and is effective July 1, 2003 for variable interests in variable interest entities created before February 1, 2003. This Interpretation clarifies the application of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, Consolidated Financial Statements, to certain entities in which equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties.



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TDS has two subsidiary trusts, TDS Capital I and TDS Capital II, that are variable interest entities pursuant to FIN 46. Effective July 1, 2003, pursuant to the provisions of FIN 46, TDS will discontinue consolidating the subsidiary trusts. TDS Capital I has outstanding 6,000,000 8.5% Company-Obligated Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Securities. The sole asset of TDS Capital I is \$154.6 million principal amount of TDS 8.5% Subordinated Debentures due December 31, 2037. TDS Capital II has outstanding 6,000,000 8.04% Company-Obligated Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Securities. The sole asset of TDS Capital II is \$154.6 million principal amount of 8.04% Subordinated Debentures due March 31, 2038.

On August 1, 2003, TDS announced that its subsidiary trusts, TDS Capital I and TDS Capital II will both redeem all of their outstanding Trust Originated Preferred Securities ( TOPrS<sup>SM</sup> ). The redemption date is expected to be September 2, 2003. The redemption price of both the 8.5% and 8.04% TOPrS will equal 100% of the principal amount, or \$25.00 per security, plus accrued and unpaid distributions. Upon redemption of the TOPrS by the subsidiary trusts, TDS will not have any variable interest entities pursuant to FIN 46.

SFAS No. 149, Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, was issued in April 2003, and is effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies financial accounting and reporting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133, Accounting for

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. TDS will adopt the provisions of this Standard to contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and to hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. Since the provisions of this Statement will be applied prospectively, there will be no impact on TDS's June 30, 2003 financial position or results of operations.

SFAS No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity, was issued in May 2003, and is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise beginning July 1, 2003. SFAS No. 150 requires freestanding financial instruments within its scope to be recorded as a liability in the financial statements. Freestanding financial instruments include mandatorily redeemable financial instruments, obligations to repurchase issuer's equity shares and certain obligations to issue a variable number of issuer's shares. As of June 30, 2003, TDS had \$300 million of Company Obligated Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Securities of Subsidiary Trust that are free standing financial instruments within the scope of SFAS No. 150. However, the Subsidiary Trusts holding these securities will be deconsolidated pursuant to FIN 46, effective July 1, 2003. As of June 30, 2003, TDS had no other freestanding financial instruments within the scope of SFAS No. 150. Upon adoption, this Statement is not expected to have any effect on TDS's financial position or results of operations.

### 3. Asset Retirement Obligation (As Restated)

SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, was issued in June 2001, and became effective for TDS beginning January 1, 2003. SFAS No. 143 requires 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. When the liability is initially recorded, the entity capitalizes the cost of the asset retirement obligation by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. Over time, the liability is accreted to its future value each period, and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. Upon settlement of the obligation, any difference between the cost to retire the asset and the liability recorded is recognized in the statement 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. Legal obligations include obligations to remediate leased land on which U.S. Cellular's cell sites and switching offices are located. U.S. Cellular is also required to return leased retail store premises and office space to their pre-existing conditions.

U.S. Cellular determined that it had an obligation to remove long-lived assets in its cell sites, retail sales and office locations as described by SFAS 143, and has recorded a \$54.4 million liability upon adoption. TDS also recorded a charge for a non-cash cumulative change in accounting principle of \$11.8 million representing accumulated accretion and depreciation through December 31, 2002. The U.S. Cellular asset retirement obligation increased by \$4.4 million to \$58.8 million as of June 30, 2003. The increase was due to additional liabilities incurred of \$2.2 million and accretion of \$2.2 million. See Note 18 Restatement of Financial Statements for a discussion of the periodic impact due to accretion and depreciation.

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In accordance with the transition rules of SFAS No. 143, the following pro forma amounts show the effect of the retroactive application of the change in accounting principle for the adoption of SFAS No. 143:

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
<b>Actual</b>				
Net income (loss)	\$ 19,496	\$ (951,790)	\$ 2,695	\$ (934,414)
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.23)	\$ 0.04	\$ (15.94)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.23)	\$ 0.04	\$ (15.94)
<b>Pro forma</b>				
Net income (loss)	\$ 19,496	\$ (952,396)	\$ 14,484	\$ (935,610)
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.24)	\$ 0.24	\$ (15.96)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.24)	\$ 0.24	\$ (15.96)

	At December 31, 2002	At January 1, 2002
<b>Pro forma - Balance Sheet Data</b>		
Asset Retirement Obligation	\$ 54,438	\$ 45,246

TDS Telecom's incumbent local telephone companies follow the provisions of SFAS No. 71, and therefore conform to the regulatory accounting principles as prescribed by the respective state public utility commissions and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and where applicable, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. On December 20, 2002, the FCC notified carriers by Order that it will not adopt SFAS No. 143 since the FCC concluded that SFAS No. 143 conflicted with the FCC's current accounting rules that require incumbent local telephone companies to accrue for asset retirement obligations through prescribed depreciation rates. Pursuant to the FCC's order, and the provisions of SFAS No. 71, the incumbent local telephone companies continue to accrue asset retirement obligations as a component of depreciation expense pursuant to depreciation rates set forth by the respective state public utility commissions.

At January 1, 2003, upon implementation of SFAS No. 143, TDS Telecom determined the amount of the incumbent local telephone companies asset retirement obligations required to be recorded was \$29.9 million, and this asset retirement obligation was reclassified from accumulated depreciation to deferred liabilities and credits under the provisions of SFAS No. 143. The asset retirement obligation under SFAS No. 143 has increased to \$30.6 million at June 30, 2003. After the effect of this reclassification, the incumbent local telephone companies have an amount of \$25.4 million as of January 1, 2003 (\$26.8 million as of June 30, 2003) that remains in accumulated depreciation that represents asset retirement costs that have been accrued in accordance with depreciation rates promulgated by the respective state public utility commissions, which are in excess of asset retirement costs that are required to be accrued under the provisions of SFAS No. 143. The adoption of SFAS No. 143 by TDS's incumbent local telephone companies did not have an impact on TDS's statement of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003.

TDS Telecom's competitive local telephone companies adopted SFAS No. 143 effective January 1, 2003. TDS Telecom determined that its competitive local telephone companies do not have a material legal obligation to remove long-lived assets as described by SFAS 143, and accordingly, adoption of SFAS 143 did not have a material impact on the competitive local telephone companies.

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At June 30, 2003, the TDS asset retirement obligation totaled \$89.4 million, consisting of \$58.8 million at U.S. Cellular and \$30.6 million at TDS Telecom.

4. Income Taxes

Net income (loss) available to common shareholders includes losses from marketable securities and other investments and losses on assets held for sale for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002. The following table summarizes the effective income tax expense (benefit) rates in each of the periods.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003 As Restated	2002	2003 As Restated	2002
Effective Tax Rate From				
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change excluding loss on marketable securities and other investments and loss on assets held for sale	43.0%	43.4%	42.8%	43.8%
Loss on marketable securities and other investments and loss on assets held for sale	(15.1)%	(39.1)%	(23.7)%	(39.1)%
Income (Loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes	47.8%	(38.7)%	56.7%	(38.4)%

5. (Losses) on Marketable Securities and Other Investments

U.S. Cellular recorded a license cost impairment loss of \$3.5 million in the first quarter of 2003 related to the investment in a non-operating market in Florida that will remain with U.S. Cellular after the exchange with AT&T Wireless is completed.

TDS also recorded an impairment loss of \$5.0 million in the second quarter of 2003 on a cellular market investment held by TDS Telecom in conjunction with its annual license cost and goodwill impairment testing.

The loss on marketable securities and other investments in 2002 reflects an other than temporary investment loss of \$1,756.5 million (\$1,044.4 million, net of \$686.2 million of income taxes and \$25.9 million of minority interest) on TDS's marketable securities. The adjusted cost basis of TDS's marketable securities was written down to market value upon determining that the unrealized losses on the securities were other than temporary.

6. Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes (As restated)

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Effective January 1, 2003, TDS adopted SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations and recorded the initial liability for legal obligations associated with an asset retirement. The cumulative effect of the implementation of this accounting standard on periods prior to 2003 was recorded in the first quarter of 2003, decreasing net income by \$11.8 million, net of tax and minority interest, or \$0.20 per basic and diluted share.

U.S. Cellular made certain changes to its accounting policies in the fourth quarter of 2002 which required TDS to restate certain items on its income statement for the three and six month periods ending June 30, 2002. Other than the cumulative effect of the accounting change, none of the prior period changes have a significant impact on operating income, net income (loss) or earnings per share for the periods presented below.

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	Three Months Ended June 30, 2002		
	As Reported	Changes	As Restated
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)			
<b>Effects of 2002 Accounting Changes</b>			
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			
Changes related to EITF 01-09 reclassification (1)	\$ 723,814	\$ (3,371)	\$ 720,443
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Changes related to EITF 01-09 reclassification (1)		(3,371)	
Changes related to SAB 101(2)		(1,224)	
	601,746	(4,595)	597,151
Operating Income	122,068	1,224	123,292
(Loss) before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change	(952,381)	591	(951,790)
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change (2)			
Net (Loss)	\$ (952,381)	\$ 591	\$ (951,790)
<b>Earnings Per Share Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change</b>			
Basic	\$	\$	\$
Fully Diluted	\$	\$	\$
<b>Earnings Per Share Net (Loss)</b>			
Basic	\$ (16.24)	\$ 0.01	\$ (16.23)
Fully Diluted	\$ (16.24)	\$ 0.01	\$ (16.23)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2002		
	As Reported	Changes	As Restated
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)			
<b>Effects of 2002 Accounting Changes</b>			
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			
Changes related to EITF 01-09 reclassification (1)	\$ 1,389,011	\$ (3,371)	\$ 1,385,640
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Changes related to EITF 01-09 reclassification (1)		(3,371)	
Changes related to SAB 101(2)		(2,053)	
	1,162,405	(5,424)	1,156,981
Operating Income	226,606	2,053	228,659
(Loss) before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change	(938,784)	1,004	(937,780)
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change (2)		3,366	3,366
Net (Loss)	\$ (938,784)	\$ 4,370	\$ (934,414)
<b>Earnings Per Share Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change</b>			
Basic	\$	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06
Fully Diluted	\$	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06
<b>Earnings Per Share Net (Loss)</b>			
Basic	\$ (16.02)	\$ 0.08	\$ (15.94)
Fully Diluted	\$ (16.02)	\$ 0.08	\$ (15.94)

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(1) U.S. Cellular changed its accounting for certain rebate transactions pursuant to Emerging Issues Task Force Statement No. 01-09 ( EITF No. 01-09 ) in the fourth quarter of 2002. Under EITF No. 01-09, all rebates paid to agents who participate in qualifying new activation and retention transactions are recorded as a reduction of equipment sales revenues. Previously, U.S. Cellular had recorded new activation rebates as marketing and selling expense and retention rebates as general and administrative expense. Further, these rebates are now recorded at the time handsets are sold by U.S. Cellular to these agents. Previously, U.S. Cellular recorded these transactions at the time the handsets were delivered by agents to U.S. Cellular customers.

(2) U.S. Cellular changed its accounting policy related to certain transactions pursuant to Staff Accounting Bulletin ( SAB ) No. 101 during the fourth quarter of 2002. U.S. Cellular had adopted SAB No. 101 as of January 1, 2000, and began deferring certain customer activation fees as of that date. As permitted by SAB No. 101, as of January 1, 2002, U.S. Cellular began deferring commissions expenses equal to the amount of activation fees deferred. In conjunction with this change, TDS



recorded a \$3.4 million addition to net income as of January 1, 2002, related to commissions expenses which would have been deferred in prior years had U.S. Cellular adopted its new policy at the time it adopted SAB No. 101.

## 7. Earnings Per Share

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

The amounts used in computing earnings per share from operations and the effect on income and the weighted average number of Common and Series A Common Shares of dilutive potential common stock are as follows.

Basic Earnings per Share	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003 As Restated	2002	2003 As Restated	2002
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Income (Loss) Before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes	\$ 19,496	\$ (951,790)	\$ 14,484	\$ (937,780)
Less: Preferred Dividend requirement	(104)	(106)	(209)	(218)
Income (Loss) Available to Common	19,392	(951,896)	14,275	(937,998)
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes			(11,789)	3,366
Net Income (Loss) Available to Common used in Basic Earnings per Share	\$ 19,392	\$ (951,896)	\$ 2,486	\$ (934,632)

Diluted Earnings per Share	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003 As Restated	2002	2003 As Restated	2002
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Income (Loss) Available to Common used in Basic Earnings per Share	\$ 19,392	\$ (951,896)	\$ 14,275	\$ (937,998)
Reduction in preferred dividends if Preferred Shares Converted into Common Shares	51			
Minority Income Adjustment (1)	(102)		(49)	
Income (Loss) Available to Common	19,341	(951,896)	14,226	(937,998)
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes			(11,789)	3,366
Net Income (Loss) Available to Common used in Diluted Earnings per Share	\$ 19,341	\$ (951,896)	\$ 2,437	\$ (934,632)

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(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 issuable securities were outstanding.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	(Shares in thousands)			
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares used in Basic Earnings per Share	57,474	58,639	58,034	58,619
Effect of Dilutive Securities				
Stock Options (2)	43		28	
Common shares outstanding if Preferred Shares Converted	154			
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares used in Diluted Earnings per Share	57,671	58,639	58,062	58,619

(2) Stock options and preferred shares convertible into 1,583,000 Common Shares in three and six months ended June 30, 2002 were not included in computing Diluted Earnings per Share because their effects were antidilutive. Stock options and preferred shares convertible into 1,483,000 and 1,637,000 Common Shares in the three and six months ended June 30, 2003, respectively, were not included in computing Diluted Earnings per Share because their effects were antidilutive.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003 As Restated	2002	2003 As Restated	2002
Basic Earnings per Share				
Operations	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.23)	\$ 0.24	\$ (16.00)
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes			(0.20)	0.06
	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.23)	\$ 0.04	\$ (15.94)
Diluted Earnings per Share				
Operations	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.23)	\$ 0.24	\$ (16.00)
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes			(0.20)	0.06
	\$ 0.34	\$ (16.23)	\$ 0.04	\$ (15.94)

## 8. Marketable Equity Securities

TDS and its subsidiaries hold a substantial amount of marketable equity securities that are publicly traded and can have volatile share prices. TDS does not make direct investments in publicly traded companies and all of these interests were acquired as a result of sales, exchanges or reorganizations of other investments. The market values of the marketable securities may fall below the accounting cost basis of such securities. If management determines the decline in value of the marketable securities to be other than temporary, the unrealized loss included in other comprehensive income is recognized and recorded as a loss in the Statement of Operations.

During the six months ended June 30, 2002, management determined that the decline in the value of the marketable securities relative to its accounting cost basis was other than temporary and charged a \$1,756.5 million loss to the Statement of Operations (\$1,044.4 million, net of tax

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of \$686.2 million, and minority interest of \$25.9 million) and reduced the accounting cost basis of the marketable securities by a corresponding amount. The loss was reported in the caption Gain (loss) on marketable securities and other investments in the Statement of Operations.

TDS and subsidiaries have entered into a number of forward contracts in 2002 related to the marketable equity securities that they hold. The 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 thereby eliminating the risk of an other than temporary loss being recorded on these contracted securities.

U.S. Cellular terminated all security lending agreements with investment banks related to its Vodafone ADRs in the second quarter of 2003.

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Information regarding TDS's marketable equity securities and the components of accumulated other comprehensive income are summarized as follows.

	June 30, 2003	December 31, 2002
(Dollars in thousands)		
Marketable Equity Securities Fair Value		
Deutsche Telekom AG - 131,461,861 Ordinary Shares	\$ 2,010,052	\$ 1,689,285
Vodafone Group Plc 12,945,915 ADRs	254,387	234,580
VeriSign, Inc. 2,361,333 and 2,525,786 Common Shares	32,563	20,257
Rural Cellular Corporation - 719,396 equivalent Common Shares	3,021	611
Other	210	206
Aggregate Fair Value	2,300,233	1,944,939
Accounting Cost Basis	1,543,933	1,545,713
Gross Unrealized Holding Gains	756,300	399,226
Income Tax (Expense)	(295,192)	(155,794)
Unrealized Holding Gains, net of tax	461,108	243,432
Derivatives, net of tax	(197,377)	(50,508)
Equity Method Unrealized Gains	127	615
Minority Share of Unrealized Holding (Gains)	(2,952)	(1,835)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	\$ 260,906	\$ 191,704

9. Goodwill and Customer Lists

TDS has recorded goodwill as a result of the acquisition of wireless licenses and markets, and the acquisition of operating telephone companies. Included in U.S. Cellular's goodwill is goodwill related to various acquisitions structured to be tax-free. No deferred taxes have been provided on goodwill related to tax-free acquisitions.

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, were as follows. TDS Telecom's incumbent local exchange carrier is designated as ILEC and its competitive local exchange carrier is designated as CLEC in the table.

(Dollars in thousands)	TDS Telecom					Total
	U.S. Cellular	ILEC	CLEC	Other(1)		
Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 643,629	\$ 397,482	\$ 29,440	\$ 35,900	\$ 1,106,451	
Allocation to Assets of Operations						
Held for Sale(2)	(93,658)				(93,658)	
Impairment loss(3)				(5,000)	(5,000)	
Other	(2,308)	(456)			(2,764)	
Ending Balance June 30, 2003	\$ 547,663	\$ 397,026	\$ 29,440	\$ 30,900	\$ 1,005,029	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2002	\$ 473,975	\$ 332,848	\$ 29,440	\$ 34,538	\$ 870,801	

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Acquisitions				40,750					40,750
Other				655					655
Ending Balance June 30, 2002	\$	473,975	\$	374,253	\$	29,440	\$	34,538	\$ 912,206

(1)Other consists of goodwill related to an investment in a cellular market owned by an ILEC subsidiary.

(2)See Note 10 Assets and Liabilities of Operations Held for Sale for discussion of allocation.

(3)See Note 5 (Losses) on Marketable Securities and Other Investments for discussion of the impairment loss.

TDS's customer lists represent intangible assets from the acquisition of wireless properties and are being amortized based on average customer retention periods using the declining balance method. Amortization expense was \$4.5 million and \$9.0 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003, respectively. There was no amortization of customer lists in the three and six months ended June 30, 2002. The related amortization expense for the remainder of 2003 and for the years 2004-2007 is expected to be \$6.7 million, \$9.5 million, \$5.8 million, \$3.5 million and \$2.1 million, respectively.

## 10. Assets and Liabilities of Operations Held for Sale

On March 10, 2003, U.S. Cellular announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement with AT&T Wireless to exchange wireless properties. When this transaction is fully consummated, U.S. Cellular will receive 10 and 20 megahertz personal communication service licenses in 13 states, representing 12.2 million incremental population equivalents contiguous to existing properties and 4.4 million population equivalents that overlap existing properties in the Midwest and the Northeast. U.S. Cellular will also receive approximately \$31 million in cash (excluding a working capital adjustment) and minority interests in six markets it currently controls. U.S. Cellular will transfer wireless assets and customers in 10 markets, representing 1.5 million population equivalents, in Florida and Georgia to AT&T Wireless. The assignment and development of certain licenses may be deferred by U.S. Cellular for a period of up to five years from the closing date, in accordance with the exchange agreement. The acquisition of licenses in the exchange will be accounted for as a purchase by U.S. Cellular and the transfer of the properties by U.S. Cellular to AT&T Wireless will be accounted for as a sale. The closing of the transfer of the U.S. Cellular properties to AT&T Wireless and the assignments to U.S. Cellular from AT&T Wireless of a portion of the personal communication service licenses is expected to occur on August 1, 2003. TDS will not report the transaction as discontinued operations as previously disclosed in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

The consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2003 reflects the assets and liabilities to be transferred as assets and liabilities of operations held for sale in accordance with SFAS No. 144. The results of operations of the markets to be transferred continue to be included in results from operations.

U.S. Cellular allocated \$93.7 million of goodwill to the operations held for sale in accordance with SFAS No. 142 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. A \$27.0 million loss was recorded and reported as a loss on assets held-for sale (included in operating expenses) representing the difference between the book value of the markets to be transferred to AT&T Wireless and the fair value of the assets to be received in the transaction. The fair value of the assets to be received was determined using an independent valuation. Subsequent to recording the loss, the recorded value of the assets TDS expects to transfer to AT&T Wireless is equal to the fair value of the assets TDS expects to receive from AT&T Wireless. This loss may require an adjustment during the third quarter of 2003 to reflect the final amounts of the fair value of assets received and the recorded value of the assets transferred.

TDS anticipates that it will record an additional charge to the Statement of Operations of approximately \$12 million for taxes and will have a current tax liability of approximately \$5 million related to state income taxes on the completion of the transaction. As a result of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, enacted in May of 2003, TDS anticipates that it will claim additional federal tax depreciation deductions in 2003. Such additional depreciation deductions are expected to result in a federal net operating loss for TDS for 2003; accordingly, TDS anticipates that there will be no current federal tax liability in 2003 attributable to the planned exchange of assets with AT&T Wireless.

Assets and liabilities relating to operations held for sale are summarized as follows.

<b>June 30, 2003</b>	
(Dollars in thousands)	
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7
Accounts receivable	11,777
Other current assets	1,074

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License costs		55,147
Goodwill		93,658
Property, plant and equipment, net		88,415
Other assets		798
Loss on assets held for sale		(27,000)
Assets of Operations Held for Sale	\$	223,876
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	5,405
Other current liabilities		3,600
Liabilities of Operations Held for Sale	\$	9,005



11. Long-Term Debt

TDS repurchased \$5.0 million of 10% Medium-Term Notes in the second quarter of 2003 at 115.75% of par value. The loss on retirement of debt totaled \$787,500 and was reported in the caption Other (expense), net in the Statement of Operations.

TDS notified the holders of \$65.5 million of Series B Medium-Term Notes in June 2003 of its intent to redeem these notes at par. The notes are reflected as current portion of long-term debt on the balance sheet as of June 30, 2003. There will be no gain or loss on the retirement of these notes at par value. The notes were redeemed in July 2003.

12. Common Share Repurchase Program

The Board of Directors of TDS from time to time has authorized the repurchase of TDS Common Shares. In 2003, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 3.0 million Common Shares through February 2006. TDS may use repurchased shares to fund acquisitions and for other corporate purposes. As of June 30, 2003, TDS has repurchased 1.4 million Common Shares under this authorization for an aggregate of \$56.5 million, representing an average per share price of \$40.95, leaving 1.6 million shares available for repurchase under the authorization. Share repurchases may be made from time to time on the open market or at negotiated prices in private transactions. No shares were repurchased in 2002.

## 13. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The cumulative balance of unrealized gains (losses) on securities and derivative instruments and related income tax effects included in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) are as follows.

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2002
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 191,704	\$ (352,120)
<b>Marketable Equity Securities</b>		
Add (Deduct):		
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities	356,906	(1,209,570)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(139,338)	472,012
	217,568	(737,558)
Equity method unrealized gains (losses)	(489)	218
Minority share of unrealized (gains) losses	(1,828)	14,003
Net unrealized gains (losses)	215,251	(723,337)
Deduct (Add):		
Recognized (losses) on securities	(168)	(1,756,526)
Income tax (expense) benefit	62	686,223
	(106)	(1,070,303)
Minority share of recognized losses	21	25,900
Net recognized gains (losses) from Marketable Equity Securities included in Net Income	(85)	(1,044,403)
	215,336	321,066
<b>Derivative Instruments</b>		
Unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments	(240,733)	20,849
Income tax (expense) benefit	93,864	(8,405)
	(146,869)	12,444
Minority Share of unrealized (gains) losses	735	(1,800)
	(146,134)	10,644
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) included in Comprehensive Income (Loss)	69,202	331,710
Balance, end of period	\$ 260,906	\$ (20,410)

Accumulated Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Derivative Instruments

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Balance, beginning of period	\$	(49,584)	\$
Add (Deduct):			
Unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments		(240,733)	20,849
Income (tax) benefit		93,864	(8,405)
Minority share of unrealized (gains) losses		735	(1,800)
		(146,134)	10,644
Balance, end of period	\$	(195,718)	\$ 10,644

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003 As Restated	2002 As Restated	2003 As Restated	2002 As Restated
(Dollars in thousands)				
Comprehensive Income (Loss)				
Net Income (loss)	\$ 19,496	\$ (951,790)	\$ 2,695	\$ (934,414)
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on securities and derivative instruments	68,141	551,035	69,202	331,710
	\$ 87,637	\$ (400,755)	\$ 71,897	\$ (602,704)

## 14. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and those short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. The following table summarizes interest and income taxes paid by TDS.

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2002
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Interest Paid	\$ 72,123	\$ 48,487
Income Taxes Paid (Refunded)	\$ (18,388)	\$ 12,980

## 15. Business Segment Information (As Restated)

Financial data for TDS's business segments for each of the three-month and six-month periods ended or at June 30, 2003 and 2002 are as follows. TDS Telecom's incumbent local exchange carrier is designated as ILEC and its competitive local exchange carrier is designated as CLEC in the tables.

Three Months Ended or at June 30, 2003 (Dollars in thousands)	TDS Telecom				Total
	U.S. Cellular	ILEC	CLEC	All Other(1)	
Operating revenues	\$ 639,810	\$ 159,805	\$ 52,479	\$ (807)	\$ 851,287
Cost of services and products	204,394	39,834	19,220	(260)	263,188
Selling, general and administrative expense	274,186	44,616	29,320	(547)	347,575
Operating income before depreciation, amortization and accretion and loss on assets held for sale(2)	161,230	75,355	3,939		240,524
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	104,694	32,121	8,087		144,902
Loss on assets held for sale	3,500				3,500
Operating income (loss)	53,036	43,234	(4,148)		92,122
Significant noncash items:					
Investment income	13,484	169		(136)	13,517
Gain (loss) on marketable securities and other investments				(5,000)	(5,000)
Marketable securities	202,879			2,097,354	2,300,233
Investment in unconsolidated Entities	171,214	19,069		24,838	215,121
Total assets	4,819,041	1,876,373	233,526	3,090,725	10,019,665

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Capital expenditures	\$	163,076	\$	29,288	\$	5,504	\$	1,672	\$	199,540
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Three Months Ended or at June 30, 2002

(Dollars in thousands)	TDS Telecom				
	U.S. Cellular	ILEC	CLEC	All Other(1)	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 524,339	\$ 155,051	\$ 41,762	\$ (709)	\$ 720,443
Cost of services and products	154,726	33,997	21,159	(274)	209,608
Selling, general and administrative expense	191,932	49,851	30,559	(435)	271,907
Operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization(2) (3)	177,681	71,203	(9,956)		238,928
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	76,409	32,047	7,180		115,636
Operating income (loss)	101,272	39,156	(17,136)		123,292

Significant noncash items:

Investment income	7,288	375		89	7,752
Gain (loss) on marketable securities and other investments	(244,699)			(1,474,427)	(1,719,126)
Marketable securities	140,235			1,350,249	1,490,484
Investment in unconsolidated entities	170,929	48,931		25,197	245,057
Total assets	3,725,777	1,506,816	221,656	1,506,957	6,961,206
Capital expenditures	\$ 156,699	\$ 25,268	\$ 16,991	\$	\$ 198,958

**Six Months Ended or at  
June 30, 2003**

(Dollars in thousands)	TDS Telecom				
	U.S. Cellular	ILEC	CLEC	All Other(1)	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 1,235,724	\$ 319,402	\$ 104,918	\$ (1,339)	\$ 1,658,705
Cost of services and products	407,124	77,979	41,003	(520)	525,586
Selling, general and administrative expense	540,556	87,033	57,306	(819)	684,076
Operating income before depreciation, amortization and accretion and loss on assets held for sale(2)	288,044	154,390	6,609		449,043
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	214,271	65,740	16,118		296,129
Loss on assets held for sale	27,000				27,000
Operating income (loss)	46,773	88,650	(9,509)		125,914

**Significant noncash items:**

Investment income	25,862	339		66	26,267
Gain (loss) on marketable securities and other investments	(3,500)			(5,000)	(8,500)
Marketable securities	202,879			2,097,354	2,300,233
Investment in unconsolidated entities	171,214	19,069		24,838	215,121
Total assets	4,819,041	1,876,373	233,526	3,090,725	10,019,665
Capital expenditures	\$ 304,002	\$ 44,700	\$ 9,209	\$ 3,013	\$ 360,924

**Six Months Ended or at  
June 30, 2002**

(Dollars in thousands)	TDS Telecom				
	U.S. Cellular	ILEC	CLEC	All Other(1)	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 1,002,759	\$ 304,572	\$ 79,516	\$ (1,207)	\$ 1,385,640
Cost of services and products	293,014	65,694	41,244	(522)	399,430
Selling, general and administrative expense	379,636	94,703	56,362	(685)	530,016
Operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization(2) (3)	330,109	144,175	(18,090)		456,194
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	149,161	64,502	13,872		227,535
Operating income (loss)	180,948	79,673	(31,962)		228,659

**Significant noncash items:**

Investment income	17,748	611		430	18,789
Gain (loss) on marketable securities and other investments	(244,699)			(1,511,827)	(1,756,526)
Marketable securities	140,235			1,350,249	1,490,484
Investment in unconsolidated entities	170,929	48,931		25,197	245,057
Total assets	3,725,777	1,506,816	221,656	1,506,957	6,961,206
Capital expenditures	\$ 256,773	\$ 44,462	\$ 26,051	\$	\$ 327,286

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

(2) Operating income before depreciation and amortization and Operating income before depreciation and amortization and loss on assets held for sale are measures of profit and loss used by the chief operating decision maker to review the operating performance of each reportable business segment and is reported above in accordance with SFAS No. 131, Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information.

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(3) There was no loss on assets held for sale in the three and six months ended June 30, 2002.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003 As Restated	2002	2003 As Restated	2002
(Dollars in thousands)				
Total operating income from reportable segments	\$ 92,122	\$ 123,292	\$ 125,914	\$ 228,659
Investment and other income and expense	(42,709)	(1,699,727)	(77,532)	(1,758,644)
Income before income taxes and minority interest	\$ 49,413	\$ (1,576,435)	\$ 48,382	\$ (1,529,985)

## 16. Contingencies

TDS is involved in legal proceedings before the FCC and various state and federal courts from time to time. Management does not believe that any such proceedings should have a material adverse impact on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of TDS.

## 17. Subsequent Events

TDS completed the transaction with AT&T Wireless on August 1, 2003 as contemplated and discussed in Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Note 10. Assets and Liabilities of Operations Held for Sale.

On August 1, 2003, TDS announced that its subsidiary trusts, TDS Capital I and TDS Capital II will both redeem all of their outstanding Trust Originated Preferred Securities ( TOPrS<sup>SM</sup> ). The redemption date is expected to be September 2, 2003. The redemption price of both the 8.5% and 8.04% TOPrS will be equal to 100% of the principal amount, or \$25.00 per security, plus accrued and unpaid distributions. The outstanding amount of the 8.5% TOPrS to be redeemed is \$150 million. The outstanding amount of the 8.04% TOPrS to be redeemed is \$150 million. There will be no gain or loss on the redemption of these securities.

## 18. Restatement of Financial Statements

TDS is restating its financial statements included in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003 that was originally filed on August 8, 2003. This restatement relates to the adoption of SFAS No. 143, as explained below.

TDS adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, effective January 1, 2003. An asset retirement obligation is the cost of closing facilities and removing assets, or performing other remediation to a property as required by contractual agreement. This accounting principle requires entities to record the estimated fair value of a legal liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period it is incurred. Adoption of this standard in the first quarter of 2003 required TDS to recognize estimated liabilities related to the future remediation of certain leased properties. Initially, U.S. Cellular used a zero probability in determining its liability for cell site remediation due to the absence of history of remediation. During the fourth quarter of 2003, based on management's re-assessment of the assumptions used in determining probability, U.S. Cellular revised the probability that its leased cell sites would require remediation. In its restatement, TDS uses a 100% probability in calculating the asset retirement obligation on the cell site leases.

As a result of this change, TDS has restated its financial statements for the first six months of 2003 to reflect a liability for future remediation of \$54.4 million and a charge of \$11.8 million, net of taxes and minority interest, as a cumulative effect of an accounting change. This cumulative effect reflects accretion and depreciation that would have been charged to expense in prior years had SFAS No. 143 been effective for periods prior to January 1, 2003. This change also resulted in additional charges to income for depreciation and non-cash accretion expense in the three and six months ended June 30, 2003. There was no impact to the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2002 or the results of operations or cash flows for the three and six months ended June 30, 2002. A summary of changes to the three and six months ended June 30, 2003 is included below.





(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended June 30, 2003		
	As Originally Reported	Effects of 2003 Accounting Changes	As Restated
<b>Statement of Operations:</b>			
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Depreciation, Amortization and Accretion			
SFAS 143 reclassification of retail/office leases		\$	
SFAS 143 depreciation for period			359
SFAS 143 accretion for period			1,064
Total	\$ 143,479	1,423	\$ 144,902
<b>Operating Income</b>			
SFAS 143 reclassification of retail/office leases			
SFAS 143 depreciation for period		(359)	
SFAS 143 accretion for period		(1,064)	
Total	93,545	(1,423)	92,122
Income tax expense (benefit)	24,214	(591)	23,623
Minority share of income	(6,466)	172	(6,294)
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	20,156	(660)	19,496
Cumulative effect of accounting change			
Net income (loss)	\$ 20,156	\$ (660)	\$ 19,496
<b>Basic earnings (loss) per share</b>			
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.34
Cumulative effect of accounting change	\$	\$	\$
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.34
<b>Diluted earnings (loss) per share</b>			
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.34
Cumulative effect of accounting change	\$	\$	\$
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.34

## Six Months Ended June 30, 2003

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	As Originally Reported	Effects of 2003 Accounting Changes	As Restated
<b>Statement of Operations:</b>			
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Depreciation, Amortization and Accretion			
SFAS 143 reclassification of retail/office leases		\$ (1,321)	
SFAS 143 depreciation for period		708	
SFAS 143 accretion for period		2,110	
Total	\$ 294,632	1,497	\$ 296,129
<b>Operating Income</b>			
SFAS 143 reclassification of retail/office leases		1,321	
SFAS 143 depreciation for period		(708)	
SFAS 143 accretion for period		(2,110)	
Total	127,411	(1,497)	125,914
Income tax expense (benefit)	28,069	(622)	27,447
Minority share of income	(6,654)	203	(6,451)
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	15,156	(672)	14,484
Cumulative effect of accounting change		(11,789)	(11,789)
Net income (loss)	\$ 15,156	\$ (12,461)	\$ 2,695
<b>Basic earnings (loss) per share</b>			
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 0.26		\$ 0.24
Cumulative effect of accounting change			\$ (0.20)
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.26		\$ 0.04
<b>Diluted earnings (loss) per share</b>			
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 0.26	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.24
Cumulative effect of accounting change		\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.20)
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.26	\$ (0.22)	\$ 0.04
<b>Balance Sheet:</b>			
Other current assets	\$ 115,932	\$ 52	\$ 115,984
Property, plant and equipment, net U.S. Cellular	2,161,740	29,578	2,191,318
Total Assets	\$ 9,990,035	\$ 29,630	\$ 10,019,665
Net deferred income tax liability	\$ 1,238,100	\$ (10,238)	\$ 1,227,862

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Asset retirement obligation	33,809	55,552	89,361
Minority interest	498,471	(3,223)	495,248
Retained earnings	1,428,629	(12,461)	1,416,168
Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity	\$ 9,990,035	\$ 29,630	\$ 10,019,665

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ( TDS ) is a diversified telecommunications company providing high-quality telecommunications services to approximately 5.4 million wireless telephone and wireline telephone customers. TDS conducts substantially all of its wireless telephone operations through its 82.2%-owned subsidiary, United States Cellular Corporation ( U.S. Cellular ) and its incumbent local exchange carrier and competitive local exchange carrier wireline telephone operations through its wholly owned subsidiary, TDS Telecommunications Corporation ( TDS Telecom ).

TDS is restating certain portions of its management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition included in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003 that was originally filed on August 8, 2003. This restatement relates to the adoption of SFAS No. 143, as explained below.

TDS adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, effective January 1, 2003. An asset retirement obligation is the cost of closing facilities and removing assets, or performing other remediation to a property as required by contractual agreement. This accounting principle requires entities to record the estimated fair value of a legal liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period it is incurred. Adoption of this standard in the first quarter of 2003 required TDS to recognize estimated liabilities related to the future remediation of certain leased properties. During the fourth quarter of 2003, TDS revised the probability that U.S. Cellular's leased cell sites would require remediation.

As a result of this change, TDS has restated its financial statements for the first six months of 2003 to reflect a liability for future remediation of \$54.4 million and a charge of \$11.8 million, net of taxes and minority interest, as a cumulative effect of an accounting change. This cumulative effect reflects amounts that would have been charged to expense in prior years had SFAS No. 143 been effective for periods prior to January 1, 2003. This change also requires additional charges to income for depreciation and non-cash accretion expense in the second quarter and first six months of 2003. See Note 18 Restatement of Financial Statements.

TDS is also including additional disclosures such as, but not limited to, defining the calculation of certain statistics, defining equivalent access lines, deleting acronyms, including total dollars in narratives, disclosing the make-up of selling and marketing cost per gross customer activation and disclosing additional information on critical accounting policies and estimates.

Except as expressly stated herein, this amendment does not update any of the disclosures contained in the original filing to reflect any events that occurred after the original filing date of August 8, 2003.

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with TDS's interim consolidated financial statements and footnotes included herein, and with TDS's audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition included in TDS's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2002**

**Operating Revenues** increased 20% (\$273.1 million) to \$1,658.7 million during the first six months of 2003 from \$1,385.6 million in the first six months of 2002 primarily as a result of a 20% increase in customers served. U.S. Cellular's operating revenues increased 23% (\$232.9 million) to \$1,235.7 million in 2003 from \$1,002.8 million in 2002 as customers served increased by 796,000, or 22%, since June 30, 2002, to 4,343,000. Acquisitions contributed 9% (320,000 customers) of U.S. Cellular's customer growth in the past twelve months. TDS Telecom operating revenues increased 10% (\$40.2 million) to \$423.0 million in 2003 from \$382.8 million in 2002 as equivalent access lines increased by 92,500, or 10%, since June 30, 2002 to 1,042,400. An equivalent access line is derived by converting a high capacity data line to an estimated equivalent, in terms of capacity, number of switched access lines.

**Operating Expenses** rose 32% (\$375.8 million) to \$1,532.8 million in 2003 from \$1,157.0 million in 2002 reflecting growth in operations. U.S. Cellular's operating expenses increased 45% (\$367.2 million) to \$1,189.0 million in 2003 from \$821.8 million in 2002 primarily reflecting costs associated with providing service to an expanding customer base and additional expenses related to the Chicago market acquired in August 2002. Also included in U.S. Cellular's operating expenses is a \$27.0 million loss on assets of operations held for sale. TDS Telecom's expenses increased 3% (\$8.6 million) to \$343.8 million in 2003 from \$335.2 million in 2002 reflecting growth in operations offset somewhat by a reduction in bad debt expense.

**Operating Income** decreased 45% (\$102.8 million) to \$125.9 million in 2003 from \$228.7 million in 2002. Operating margin decreased to 7.6% in 2003 from 16.5% in 2002 on a consolidated basis. U.S. Cellular's operating income decreased 74% (\$134.1 million) to \$46.8 million in 2003 from \$180.9 million in 2002 and its operating income margin, as a percentage of service revenues, decreased to 4.0% in 2003 from 18.8% in 2002. TDS Telecom's operating income increased 66% (\$31.4 million) to \$79.1 million in 2003 from \$47.7 million in 2002 and its operating margin rose to 18.7% in 2003 from 12.5% in 2002.

**Investment and Other Income (Expense)** primarily includes interest and dividend income, investment income, gain (loss) on marketable securities and other investments, and interest expense. Investment and other income (expense) totaled \$(77.5) million in 2003 and \$(1,758.6) million in 2002.

*Interest and Dividend Income* decreased \$39.8 million to \$10.4 million in 2003 from \$50.2 million in 2002 primarily as a result of recording a \$45.3 million dividend on the Deutsche Telekom investment in 2002. No dividend was recorded in 2003. Interest income increased \$4.9 million in 2003 due to larger cash balances. TDS reported cash and cash equivalents of \$1,289.6 million at June 30, 2003 and \$44.6 million at June 30, 2002. The increase in cash from June 30, 2002 is primarily from the cash received from the forward contracts during 2002.

*Investment Income* increased 40% (\$7.5 million) to \$26.3 million in the first six months of 2003 from \$18.8 million in the first six months of 2002. Investment income represents TDS's share of income in unconsolidated entities in which TDS has a minority interest and follows the equity method of accounting.

*(Loss) on Marketable Securities and Other Investments* totaled \$(8.5) million in 2003 and \$(1,756.5) million in 2002. TDS recorded a \$5.0 million impairment loss on a cellular investment held by TDS Telecom in the second quarter of 2003. Also in 2003, a \$3.5 million license cost impairment loss was recorded related to the investment in a non-operating market in Florida that will remain after the AT&T Wireless exchange.

TDS and its subsidiaries hold a substantial amount of marketable equity securities that are publicly traded and can have volatile 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. TDS has not disposed of the investments because of their low tax cost basis would likely trigger a

substantial taxable gain upon disposal. See Liquidity Marketable Equity Securities and Forward Contracts for a discussion on marketable equity securities.

In 2002, management determined that the decline in value of TDS's marketable equity securities relative to its accounting cost basis was other than temporary and charged a \$1,756.5 million loss to the Statements of Operation. Later in 2002, TDS utilized derivative financial instruments to eliminate the risk of future other than temporary losses on the contracted securities. See Market Risk for a full discussion on the marketable equity securities and other than temporary losses.

*Interest Expense* increased 49% (\$28.7 million) to \$87.4 million in 2003 from \$58.7 million in 2002. The increase in interest expense in 2003 was primarily due to amounts related to variable prepaid forward contracts (\$19.8 million), the issuance of 30-year 8.75% Senior Notes (\$5.7 million) by U.S. Cellular in November 2002 and the increase in short-term debt (\$2.5 million).

**Income Tax Expense** increased \$614.5 million to an expense of \$27.4 in 2003 from a benefit of \$587.1 million in 2002 primarily due to the tax benefits recorded on the loss on marketable securities and other investments in 2002. Losses on marketable equity securities and other investments and the loss on assets-held-for sale totaled \$35.5 million (\$23.1 million, net of tax of \$8.5 million and minority interest of \$3.9 million) in 2003. A loss of \$1,756.5 million (\$1,044.4 million, net of tax of \$686.2 million and minority interest of \$25.9 million) was recorded on marketable securities in 2002. The effective tax (benefit) rate



was 56.7% in 2003 and was (38.4)% in 2002. For an analysis of TDS's effective tax rates in 2003 and 2002, see Note 4 Income Taxes.

As a result of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, enacted in May of 2003, the Company anticipates that it will claim additional federal tax depreciation deductions in 2003. Such additional depreciation deductions may result in a federal net operating loss for TDS for 2003.

**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. U.S. Cellular's minority public shareholders' share of income in 2003 was reduced by \$3.9 million due to U.S. Cellular's loss on investments and loss on assets held for sale and by \$25.9 million in 2002 due to loss on marketable securities.

	Six Months Ended June 30,			Change		
	2003 As Restated		2002			
(Dollars in thousands)						
Minority Share of (Income) Loss						
U.S. Cellular						
Minority Public Shareholders	\$	(2,435)	\$	7,836	\$	(10,271)
Minority Shareholders or Partners		(3,988)		(2,725)		(1,263)
		(6,423)		5,111		(11,534)
Other		(28)		(24)		(4)
	\$	(6,451)	\$	5,087	\$	(11,538)

**Income (Loss) Before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change** totaled \$14.5 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, in 2003 compared to \$(937.8) million, or \$(16.00) per diluted share, in 2002.

**Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes.** Effective January 1, 2003, TDS adopted SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations and recorded the initial liability for legal obligations associated with an asset retirement. The cumulative effect of the implementation of this accounting standard on periods prior to 2003 was recorded in the first quarter of 2003, decreasing net income by \$11.8 million, net of tax and minority interest, or \$0.20 per basic and diluted share.

**Effective January 1, 2002, U.S. Cellular changed its method of accounting for commissions expenses related to customer activations and began deferring expense recognition of a portion of commissions expenses in the amount of activation fees revenue deferred. The cumulative effect of this accounting change on periods prior to 2002 was recorded in 2002 and increased net income by \$3.4 million, net of tax and minority interest, or \$0.06 per diluted share.**

Effective January 1, 2002, U.S. Cellular changed its method of accounting for commissions expenses related to cus

**Net Income (Loss) Available to Common** totaled \$2.5 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, in 2003, compared to \$(934.6) million, or \$(15.94) per diluted share, in 2002.

**U.S. CELLULAR OPERATIONS**

TDS provides wireless telephone service through United States Cellular Corporation ( U.S. Cellular ), an 82.2%-owned subsidiary. U.S. Cellular owns, manages and invests in cellular markets throughout the United States. Growth in the customer base and the acquisition of the Chicago market are the primary reasons for the growth in U.S. Cellular's revenues and expenses. The number of customers served increased by 796,000 or 22%, since June 30, 2002, to 4,343,000 due to customer additions from its marketing channels as well as the addition of customers from the Chicago market acquisition.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003 As Restated	2002	2003 As Restated	2002
(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>Operating Revenues</b>				
Retail service	\$ 498,176	\$ 400,271	\$ 962,516	\$ 774,097
Inbound roaming	56,840	62,336	111,446	116,667
Long-distance and other service revenues	55,093	38,546	100,748	71,502
Service Revenues	610,109	501,153	1,174,710	962,266
Equipment sales	29,701	23,186	61,014	40,493
	639,810	524,339	1,235,724	1,002,759
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
System operations (exclusive of depreciation included below)	147,032	118,138	284,997	226,059
Marketing and selling	98,548	78,899	207,469	158,125
Cost of equipment sold	57,362	36,588	122,127	66,955
General and administrative	175,638	113,033	333,087	221,511
Depreciation	87,463	68,957	182,363	134,934
Amortization and accretion	17,231	7,452	31,908	14,227
Loss on assets held for sale	3,500		27,000	
	586,774	423,067	1,188,951	821,811
Operating Income	\$ 53,036	\$ 101,272	\$ 46,773	\$ 180,948

On August 7, 2002, U.S. Cellular completed the acquisition of the assets and certain liabilities of Chicago 20 megahertz, LLC, now known as United States Cellular Operating Company of Chicago, LLC ( USCOC of Chicago or the Chicago market ) from PrimeCo Wireless Communications LLC ( PrimeCo ). USCOC of Chicago operates a wireless system in the Chicago major trading area. USCOC of Chicago is the holder of certain FCC licenses, including a 20 megahertz personal communication service license in the Chicago major trading area (excluding Kenosha County, Wisconsin) covering a total population of 13.2 million. The Chicago market operations are included in consolidated operations for the first half of 2003 but not for the comparable period of 2002. The Chicago market's operations contributed to the increases in U.S. Cellular's operating revenues and expenses during 2003 compared to 2002.

**Operating revenues** increased 23% (\$232.9 million) to \$1,235.7 million in 2003 from \$1,002.8 million in 2002 primarily related to the 22% increase in customers. Average monthly service revenue per customer increased 1% (\$0.42) to \$46.24 in 2003 from \$45.82 in 2002. The numerator of this calculation of average monthly revenues per customer for the six months ended June 2003 and 2002 consists of the revenue for the respective six month period divided by six. The denominator consists of the average number of customers. Average customers totaled 4,234,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 3,500,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2002.

*Retail service revenues* (charges to U.S. Cellular's customers for local system usage and usage of systems other than their local systems) increased 24% (\$188.4 million) to \$962.5 million in 2003 from \$774.1 million in 2002 due primarily to the growth in customers. Average monthly retail service revenue per customer increased 3% (\$1.03) to \$37.89 in 2003 from \$36.86 in 2002. Management anticipates that overall growth in U.S. Cellular's customer base will continue at a slower pace in the future, primarily as a result of an increase in the number of competitors in its markets and continued penetration of the consumer market. As U.S. Cellular expands its operations in the Chicago market and into other markets in the remainder of 2003 and in 2004, it anticipates adding customers and revenues in those markets.

Monthly local retail minutes of use per customer averaged 401 in 2003 and 259 in 2002. The increase in monthly local retail minutes of use was driven by U.S. Cellular's focus on designing incentive programs and rate plans to stimulate overall usage, as well as the acquisition of the Chicago market, whose customers used more minutes per month than the U.S. Cellular average. The impact on retail service revenue of the increase in minutes of use in 2003 was partially offset by a decrease in average revenue per minute of use. Management anticipates that U.S. Cellular's average revenue per minute of use will continue to decline in the future, reflecting increased competition and penetration of the consumer market.

*Inbound roaming revenues* (charges to other wireless carriers whose customers use U.S. Cellular's wireless systems when roaming) decreased 4% (\$5.3 million) to \$111.4 million in 2003 from \$116.7 million in 2002. The decrease in revenue related to inbound roaming on U.S. Cellular's systems primarily resulted from a decrease in revenue per roaming minute of use offset by the increase in roaming minutes used. The increase in inbound roaming minutes of use was primarily driven by the overall growth in the number of customers throughout the wireless industry. Average inbound roaming revenue per minute of use is expected to continue to decline in the future, reflecting the general downward trend in negotiated rates.

Management anticipates that the rate of growth in inbound roaming minutes of use will continue to slow down due to newer customers roaming less than existing customers, reflecting further penetration of the consumer market. In addition, as new wireless operators begin service in U.S. Cellular's markets, roaming partners may switch their business from U.S. Cellular to these new operators or to their own systems.

*Long-distance and other revenue* increased 41% (\$29.2 million) to \$100.7 million in 2003 from \$71.5 million in 2002, primarily related to a \$19.2 million increase in amounts billed to U.S. Cellular's customers to offset costs related to certain regulatory mandates, such as universal service funding, wireless number portability and E-911 infrastructure, which are being passed through to customers. Additionally, the amounts U.S. Cellular charges to its customers to offset universal service funding costs increased significantly due to changes in FCC regulations beginning April 1, 2003, contributing to the \$19.2 million increase. The increase in long-distance and other revenue was also driven by an increase in the volume of long-distance calls billed by U.S. Cellular from inbound roamers using U.S. Cellular's systems to make long-distance calls. This effect was partially offset by price reductions primarily related to long-distance charges on roaming minutes of use as well as U.S. Cellular's increasing use of pricing plans for its customers which include long-distance calling at no additional charge.

*Equipment sales revenues* increased 51% (\$20.5 million) to \$61.0 million in 2003 from \$40.5 million in 2002. The increase in equipment sales revenues reflects a change in U.S. Cellular's method of distributing handsets to its agent channel. Beginning in the second quarter of 2002, U.S. Cellular began selling handsets to its agents at a price approximately equal to its cost before applying any rebates. Previously, the agents purchased handsets from third parties. Selling handsets to agents enables U.S. Cellular to provide better control over handset quality, set roaming preferences and pass along quantity discounts. Management anticipates that U.S. Cellular will continue to sell handsets to agents in the future, and that it will continue to provide rebates to agents who provide handsets to new and current customers.

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In these transactions, equipment sales revenue is recognized upon delivery of the related products to the agents, net of any anticipated agent rebates. In most cases, the agents receive a rebate from U.S. Cellular at the time these agents provide handsets to sign up a new customer or retain a current customer.

Handset sales to agents, net of all rebates, increased equipment sales revenues by approximately \$27.5 million during 2003. Equipment sales to customers through U.S. Cellular's non-agent channels decreased \$7.0 million, or 20%, from 2002. Gross customer activations, the primary driver of equipment sales revenues, increased 41% in 2003. The increase in gross customer activations in 2003 was driven by an increase in store traffic in U.S. Cellular's markets and the acquisition of the Chicago market, which added to U.S. Cellular's distribution network. The decrease in equipment sales revenues from U.S. Cellular's non-agent channels is primarily attributable to lower revenue per handset in 2003, reflecting declining handset prices on most models and the reduction in sales prices to end users as a result of increased competition.

**Operating expenses** increased 45% (\$367.2 million) to \$1,189.0 million in 2003 from \$821.8 million in 2002. The increase is primarily related to costs incurred to serve and expand the growing customer base.

*System operations expenses* (excluding depreciation) increased 26% (\$58.9 million) to \$285.0 million in

2003 from \$226.1 million in 2002. System operations expenses include charges from other 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 the network, long-distance charges and outbound roaming expenses. The increase was due to an increase in the cost of maintaining the network (\$25.8 million), an increase in the cost of minutes used on the systems (\$25.6 million) and an increase in the costs associated with customers roaming on other companies' systems (\$7.6 million). Management expects system operations to increase over the next few years, driven by increases in the number of cell sites and increases in minutes of use on the U.S. Cellular system and on other systems when roaming. The number of cell sites increased to 4,106 in 2003 from 3,145 in 2002.

In 2003, system operations expenses increased due to the acquisition of the Chicago market whose expenses are included in the increases noted above. The increase in expenses in the Chicago market was partially offset by a reduction in expenses in other markets, primarily in the Midwest, when customers in those markets used the Chicago system. In 2002, U.S. Cellular paid roaming charges to third parties when its customers roamed in the Chicago market.

As the Chicago area has historically been U.S. Cellular's customers' most popular roaming destination, management anticipates that the continued integration of the Chicago market into its operations will result in a further increase in minutes of use by U.S. Cellular's customers on its systems and a corresponding decrease in minutes of use by its customers on other systems, resulting in a lower overall increase in minutes of use by U.S. Cellular's customers on other systems. Such a shift in minutes of use should reduce U.S. Cellular's per-minute cost of usage in the future, to the extent that U.S. Cellular's customers use U.S. Cellular's systems rather than other carriers' networks. Additionally, U.S. Cellular's acquisition and subsequent buildout of licensed areas received in the AT&T Wireless transaction may shift more minutes of use to U.S. Cellular's systems, as many of these licensed areas are major roaming destinations for U.S. Cellular's current customers.

*Marketing and selling expenses* increased 31% (\$49.3 million) to \$207.4 million in 2003 from \$158.1 million in 2002. Marketing and selling expenses primarily consist of salaries, commissions and 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. The increase in 2003 was primarily due to the 41% increase in gross customer activations in 2003, which drove a \$14.9 million increase in commissions and agent-related payments, and a \$21.2 million increase in advertising costs, primarily related to the continued marketing of the U.S. Cellular brand in the Chicago market.

*Cost of equipment sold* increased 82% (\$55.1 million) to \$122.1 million in 2003 from \$67.0 million in 2002. The increase in 2003 is primarily due to the \$52.9 million increase in handset costs related to the sale of handsets to agents beginning in the second quarter of 2002. Cost of equipment sold from non-agent channels increased by \$2.2 million, or 4%, in 2003. The increase in cost of equipment sold from non-agent channels primarily reflects a 41% increase in gross customer activations, almost fully offset by the effects of economies realized from U.S. Cellular's merchandise management system.

Sales and marketing cost per gross customer activation decreased 2% to \$367 in 2003 from \$374 in 2002. The numerator of the sales and marketing cost per gross customer activation calculation is the sum of the statement of operations line items Marketing and selling expenses and Cost of equipment sold, less Equipment sales revenues (excluding agent rebates related to customer retention), incurred during a specific period. The denominator is the number of gross new customers activated on the U.S. Cellular network during such period, excluding renewals and upgrades.

Agent rebates related to the retention of current customers increased \$13.2 million in 2003. Such handset rebate amounts paid to agents related to the renewal or upgrade of service contracts of existing U.S. Cellular customers are excluded from the numerator of the sales and marketing cost per gross customer activation calculation, as these costs are not related to the addition of new customers. Due to the exclusion of these agent handset rebates from the calculation, sales and marketing cost per gross customer activation is not calculable using financial information derived directly from the statement of operations. U.S. Cellular's definition of sales and marketing cost per gross customer activation 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 activation for each period:



	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2002 (As Restated)
<b>Components of cost (000s):</b>		
Marketing and selling expenses	\$ 207,469	\$ 158,125
Cost of equipment sold	122,127	66,955
Less equipment sales revenues	(61,014)	(40,493)
Less retention-related agent rebate reductions of equipment sales revenues	(13,638)	(394)
Total costs	\$ 254,944	\$ 184,193
Gross customer activations (000s)	695	493
Sales and marketing cost per gross customer activation	\$ 367	\$ 374

*General and administrative expenses* increased 50% (\$111.6 million) to \$333.1 million in 2003 from \$221.5 million in 2002. These expenses include the costs of operating U.S. Cellular's customer care centers, the costs of serving and retaining customers and the majority of U.S. Cellular's corporate expenses. The increase in general and administrative expenses is primarily due to increases in billing-related expenses (\$25.8 million), customer retention expenses (\$13.0 million), bad debt expenses (\$12.0 million), expenses related to payments into the federal universal service fund based on an increase in rates due to changes in FCC regulations (\$10.4 million) and various customer service-related expenses as a result of the 22% increase in the customer base. The increase in billing-related expenses is primarily related to maintenance of the Chicago market's billing system and the ongoing conversion of such billing system to the system used in U.S. Cellular's other operations. The above factors were all impacted by the acquisition of the Chicago market.

U.S. Cellular anticipates that customer retention expenses will increase in the future as it changes to a single digital technology platform and certain customers will require new handsets. A substantial portion of these customer retention expenses are anticipated to be agent rebates, which are recorded as a reduction of equipment sales revenues.

*Depreciation expense* increased 35% (\$47.5 million) to \$182.4 million in 2003 from \$134.9 million in 2002 primarily due to the 33% increase in average fixed assets since June 30, 2002. The increase in fixed asset balances in 2003 resulted from the addition of new cell sites, the acquisition of the Chicago market, the migration of the network to CDMA, the addition of digital radio channels, the upgrade to provide digital service and the investment in billing and office systems.

*Amortization and Accretion expense* increased 124% (\$17.7 million) to \$31.9 million in 2003 from \$14.2 million in 2002 primarily driven by the \$11.1 million of amortization related to the customer list intangible assets and other deferred charges acquired in the USCOC of Chicago transaction during 2002. These customer list assets are amortized based on the average customer retention periods of each customer list. Amortization and accretion expense includes \$2.2 million of accretion related to the asset retirement obligation in 2003.

*Loss on assets held for sale* totaled \$27.0 million in 2003. This loss represents the difference between the fair value of the assets U.S. Cellular expects to receive in the AT&T Wireless transaction, as determined by an independent valuation, and the recorded value of the assets it expects to transfer to AT&T Wireless. Subsequent to recording the loss, the

recorded value of the assets U.S. Cellular expects to transfer to AT&T Wireless is equal to the fair value of the assets U.S. Cellular expects to receive from AT&T Wireless. This loss may require an adjustment during the third quarter of 2003 to reflect the final amounts of the fair value of assets received and the recorded value of the assets transferred.

**Operating income** decreased \$134.1 million to \$46.8 million in 2003 from \$180.9 million in 2002. The decline in operating income reflects increased expenses from the acquisition, launch and transition costs related to the Chicago market; increased number of cell sites and the number of minutes used on U.S. Cellular's network; increased depreciation expense driven by the increase in average fixed assets; increased equipment subsidies; increased bad debt, customer retention and universal service funding expenses; and the loss on assets held for sale. U.S. Cellular expects most of the above factors, except for those related to the launch and transition of the Chicago market, to continue to have an effect on operating income for the next several quarters. Any changes in the above factors, as well as the effects of other drivers of U.S. Cellular's operating results, may cause operating income to fluctuate over the next several quarters.

Related to U.S. Cellular's acquisition and subsequent transition of the Chicago market's operations, U.S. Cellular plans to incur additional expenses during the remainder of 2003 as it competes in the Chicago market. Additionally, U.S. Cellular plans to build out its network into other as yet unserved portions of its wireless licensed areas, and will begin marketing operations in those areas during 2003 and 2004. As a result, U.S. Cellular's operating income and operating margins may be below historical levels for the full year of 2003 compared to the full year of 2002.

Management expects service revenues to continue to grow during the remainder of 2003. However, management anticipates that average monthly revenue per customer may decrease as retail service revenue per minute of use and inbound roaming revenue per minute of use decline. Management believes U.S. Cellular operating results reflect seasonality in both service revenues, which tend to increase more slowly in the first and fourth quarters, and operating expenses which tend to be higher in the fourth quarter due to increased marketing activities and customer growth. This seasonality may cause operating income to vary from quarter to quarter. Management anticipates that the impact of such seasonality will decrease in the future, particularly as it relates to operating expense, as the proportion of full year customer activations derived from fourth quarter holiday sales is expected to decline.

Competitors licensed to provide wireless services have initiated service in substantially all of U.S. Cellular's markets over the past several years. U.S. Cellular expects other wireless operators to continue deployment of their networks throughout all of its service areas during the remainder of 2003 and in 2004. U.S. Cellular's management continues to monitor other wireless communications providers' strategies to determine how this additional competition is affecting U.S. Cellular's results. The effects of additional wireless competition and the downturn in the nation's economy have significantly slowed customer growth in certain of U.S. Cellular's markets. Management anticipates that overall customer growth may be slower in the future, primarily as a result of the increase in competition in U.S. Cellular's markets and the maturation of the wireless industry.

The FCC has mandated that all wireless carriers must be capable of facilitating wireless number portability beginning in November 2003. At that time, any wireless customer in the largest 100 Metropolitan Statistical Areas in the United States may switch carriers and keep their current wireless telephone number. U.S. Cellular believes it will have the infrastructure in place to accommodate wireless number portability as of the November 2003 deadline. The implementation of wireless number portability may impact U.S. Cellular's churn rate in the future; however, U.S. Cellular is unable to predict the impact that the implementation of wireless number portability will have on its overall business.

## **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 92,500 or 10%, since June 30, 2002 to 1,042,400. An equivalent access line is derived by converting a high capacity data line to an estimated equivalent, in terms of capacity, number of switched access lines.

TDS Telecom's incumbent local exchange carrier subsidiaries served 718,800 equivalent access lines at June 30, 2003, a 2% (12,800 equivalent access lines) increase from the 706,000 equivalent access lines at June 30, 2002. Acquisitions in 2002 added 7,800 equivalent access lines while internal growth added 5,000 equivalent access lines.

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TDS Telecom's competitive local exchange carrier subsidiaries served 323,600 equivalent access lines at June 30, 2003, a 33% (79,700 equivalent access lines) increase from 243,900 equivalent access lines served at June 30, 2002.

**Operating revenues** increased 10% (\$40.2 million) to \$423.0 million in 2003 from \$382.8 million in 2002. Competitive local exchange carrier operations, reflecting customer growth, contributed \$25.4 million to the increase in operating revenues in 2003. Telephone companies acquired in 2002 contributed operating revenues of \$8.7 million in 2003. In addition, the operations of relatively new services such as long distance resale, Internet service and digital subscriber line service increased operating revenues \$3.6 million in 2003.

**Operating expenses** increased 3% (\$8.6 million) to \$343.8 million during 2003 from \$335.2 in 2002,

reflecting primarily growth in access lines and growth in expenses related to the newer services and offset by a reduction in bad debt expense in 2003 as compared to 2002 due to the bankruptcies of certain long distance carriers in 2002.

**Operating income** increased 66% (\$31.4 million) to \$79.1 million in 2003 from \$47.7 million in 2002 reflecting improved operating results from competitive local exchange carrier operations, the reduction of bad debt expense and the operating results of acquired incumbent local exchange carrier companies.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>Incumbent Local Exchange Operations</b>				
Operating Revenues				
Local service	\$ 49,742	\$ 47,432	\$ 98,793	\$ 94,275
Network access and long-distance	88,438	85,885	178,090	168,969
Miscellaneous	21,625	21,734	42,519	41,328
	159,805	155,051	319,402	304,572
Operating Expenses				
Cost of services and products (exclusive of depreciation and amortization included below)	39,834	33,997	77,979	65,694
Selling, general and administrative expense	44,616	49,851	87,033	94,703
Depreciation and amortization	32,121	32,047	65,740	64,502
	116,571	115,895	230,752	224,899
Incumbent Local Exchange				
Operating Income	\$ 43,234	\$ 39,156	\$ 88,650	\$ 79,673
<b>Competitive Local Exchange Operations</b>				
Operating Revenues	\$ 52,479	\$ 41,762	\$ 104,918	\$ 79,516
Operating Expenses				
Cost of services and products (exclusive of depreciation and amortization included below)	19,220	21,159	41,003	41,244
Selling, general and administrative expense	29,320	30,559	57,306	56,362
Depreciation and amortization	8,087	7,180	16,118	13,872
	56,627	58,898	114,427	111,478
Competitive Local Exchange				
Operating (Loss)	\$ (4,148)	\$ (17,136)	\$ (9,509)	\$ (31,962)
Intercompany revenue elimination	(807)	(709)	(1,339)	(1,207)
Intercompany expense elimination	(807)	(709)	(1,339)	(1,207)
Operating Income	\$ 39,086	\$ 22,020	\$ 79,141	\$ 47,711

#### Local Telephone Operations

*Operating revenues* increased 5% (\$14.8 million) to \$319.4 million in 2003 from \$304.6 million in 2002. Average monthly revenue per equivalent access line increased 1% (\$0.60) to \$74.51 in 2003 from \$73.91 in 2002. The numerator of this calculation of average monthly revenues per equivalent access line for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 consists of the revenue for the respective period divided by six. The denominator consists of the average equivalent access lines. Average equivalent access lines totaled 714,500 for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 686,800 for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Acquisitions increased operating revenues by \$8.7 million in 2003. Revenues from Internet, digital subscriber line and other non-regulated lines of business increased miscellaneous revenues by \$2.1 million in 2003. As of June 30, 2003, TDS Telecom incumbent local exchange carrier operations were providing Internet service to 116,700 customers compared to 118,000 customers in 2002 and were providing digital subscriber line service to 16,200 customers compared to 6,500 customers in 2002. Dial-up Internet accounts declined as customers shifted to broadband services. Revenues from reselling long distance service increased network access and long distance revenues by \$1.5 million in 2003. As of June 30, 2003, TDS Telecom incumbent local exchange carrier operations were providing long distance service to 211,900 customers compared to 176,300 customers in 2002.

*Operating expenses* increased by 3% (\$5.9 million) to \$230.8 million in 2003 from \$224.9 in 2002. *Cost of service and products* increased by 19% (\$12.3 million) in 2003. Acquisitions increased operating expenses before depreciation and amortization by \$5.6 million in 2003. The cost of providing long distance, Internet and digital subscriber line service to an increased customer base increased expenses by \$3.5 million. Cost of goods sold related to digital subscriber line service, business systems and providing long distance service increased \$2.5 million. *Selling, general and administrative expenses* decreased by 8% (\$7.7 million) in 2003. Bad debt expense recorded in 2002 included \$8.8 million related to the write-off of pre-petition accounts receivable due to the bankruptcy of WorldCom and Global Crossing. In 2003, the incumbent local telephone companies recovered \$900,000 of bad debt write-offs related to the WorldCom bankruptcy filing. *Depreciation and amortization* increased 2% (\$1.2 million) in 2003.

*Operating income* increased 11% (\$9.0 million) to \$88.7 million in 2003 from \$79.7 million in 2002 primarily due to the reduction in bad debt expense and the partial recovery of amounts due from WorldCom and Global Crossing and the contribution of the acquired companies. Local telephone operating expenses are expected to increase due to inflation while additional revenues and expenses are expected from new or expanded product offerings.

#### **Competitive Local Exchange Operations**

TDS Telecom's competitive local exchange carrier strategy maintains a geographic focus and is designed to leverage TDS Telecom's existing management and infrastructure to complement TDS Telecom's incumbent local exchange carrier clustering strategy. TDS Telecom has followed a strategy of controlled entry into certain targeted mid-size communities, regionally proximate to existing TDS Telecom facilities and service areas, with facilities-based entry as a competitive local exchange carrier. TDS Telecom intends to be the leading alternative provider for customers' wired telecommunications in its competitive local exchange carrier markets.

*Operating revenues* (revenue from the provision of local and long-distance telephone service) increased 32% (\$25.4 million) to \$104.9 million in 2003 from \$79.5 million in 2002 as equivalent access lines served increased to 323,600 at June 30, 2003 from 243,900 at June 30, 2002. Operating revenue in 2003 also includes one-time settlements, which increased access revenues by \$2.0 million. Average monthly revenue per equivalent access line was \$57.23 in 2003 and \$60.46 in 2002. The numerator of this calculation of average monthly revenues per equivalent access line for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 consists of the revenue for the respective period divided by six. The denominator consists of the average equivalent access lines. Average equivalent access lines totaled 305,600 for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 219,200 for the six months ended June 30, 2002. The decline in average monthly revenue per equivalent access line is primarily related to FCC orders that have reduced the amount that can be charged to Internet service providers and long-distance carriers.

*Operating expenses* increased 3% (\$2.9 million) to \$114.4 million in 2003 from \$111.5 million in 2002. *Cost of service and products* decreased slightly (\$0.2 million) in 2003. *Selling, general and administrative expenses* increased by 2% (\$0.9 million) in 2003. In 2003, the competitive local exchange carriers recovered \$700,000 of bad debts written off in 2002 related to the bankruptcy filing of WorldCom. The competitive local exchange carriers had bad debt write-offs of \$2.6 million in 2002 for both WorldCom and Global Crossing. Competitive local exchange carrier expenses in 2003 also include \$2.3 million in one-time expense reductions relative to RBOC payments for unsatisfactory service level performance. These payments are not expected to continue. *Depreciation and*

*amortization* increased 16% (\$2.2 million) in 2003 due to increase in fixed assets.

*Operating loss* decreased 70% (\$22.5 million) to (\$9.5) million in 2003 from (\$32.0) million in 2002. The decline in competitive local exchange operating losses primarily reflects growth in revenues complemented by cost constraint.



**Three Months Ended June 30, 2003 Compared to Three Months Ended June 30, 2002**

**Operating Revenues** increased 18% (\$130.9 million) to \$851.3 million during the second quarter of 2003 from \$720.4 million in 2002 for reasons generally the same as the first six months.

U.S. Cellular revenues increased 22% (\$115.5 million) to \$639.8 million in 2003 from \$524.3 million in 2002. Retail service revenue increased 24% (\$97.9 million) in the second quarter of 2003, while inbound roaming revenue decreased 9% (\$5.5 million). Average monthly service revenue per customer was \$47.38 in the second quarter of 2003 and \$47.48 in 2002. Average retail service per customer increased to \$38.69 from \$37.93. The numerator of this calculation of average monthly revenues per customer for the three months ended June 2003 and 2002 consists of the revenue for the respective three month period divided by three. The denominator consists of the average number of customers. Average customers totaled 4,292,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2003 and 3,518,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2002.

TDS Telecom revenues increased 8% (\$15.4 million) to \$211.5 million in the second quarter of 2003 from \$196.1 million in 2002 due to the growth in incumbent local exchange carrier operations (\$4.8 million) and growth in competitive local exchange carrier operations (\$10.7 million). Average monthly revenue per incumbent local exchange carrier access line decreased to \$74.35 in the second quarter of 2003 from \$74.58 in 2002. The numerator of this calculation of average monthly revenues per equivalent access line for the three months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 consists of the revenue for the respective period divided by three. The denominator consists of the average equivalent access lines. Average equivalent access lines totaled 716,400 for the three months ended June 30, 2003 and 712,300 for the three months ended June 30, 2002.

**Operating Expenses** rose 27% (\$162.0 million) to \$759.2 million during the second quarter of 2003 from \$597.2 million in 2002 for reasons generally the same as the first six months.

U.S. Cellular expenses increased 39% (\$163.7 million) to \$586.8 million in 2003 from \$423.1 million in 2002. System operations expense (excluding depreciation) increased 24% (\$28.9 million). Marketing and selling expenses, including cost of equipment sold, increased 35% (\$40.4 million). Gross customer activations increased 34% in the second quarter of 2003 as compared to the same period in 2002. Sales and marketing cost per gross customer addition decreased to \$378 in the second quarter of 2003 from \$386 in 2002.

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2002 (As Restated)
Components of cost (000s):		
Marketing and selling expenses	\$ 98,548	\$ 78,899
Cost of equipment sold	57,362	36,588
Less equipment sales revenues	(29,701)	(23,186)
Less retention-related agent rebate reductions of equipment sales revenues	(5,774)	(395)
Total costs	\$ 120,435	\$ 91,906
Gross customer activations (000s)	319	238

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Sales and marketing cost per gross customer activation	\$	378	\$	386
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General and Administrative expense increased 55% (\$62.6 million). Based upon results of the operations held for sale in the second quarter of 2003, an additional \$3.5 million of loss on assets of operations held for sale was recorded. Depreciation expense increased 27% (\$18.5 million) while amortization and accretion expense increased \$9.7 million.

TDS Telecom expenses decreased 1% (\$1.7 million) to \$172.4 million in 2003 from \$174.1 million in 2002 primarily due to the change in bad debt expense. In the second quarter of 2002 bad debt expense related to the WorldCom bankruptcy increased incumbent local exchange carrier expenses by \$5.8 million and competitive local exchange carrier expenses by \$2.2 million.

**Operating Income** decreased 25% (\$31.2 million) to \$92.1 million in the second quarter of 2003 from \$123.3 million in 2002. U.S. Cellular's operating income decreased 48% (\$48.3 million) while TDS Telecom's operating income increased 78% (\$17.1 million). The decrease in U.S. Cellular's operating income is primarily due to higher expenses related to the launch of the Chicago market, growth in

customers and minutes of use. The increase at TDS Telecom reflects decreased bad debt expense and improvements in losses incurred in the competitive local exchange carrier operations.

**Investment and Other Income (Expense)** totaled \$(42.7) million in 2003 and \$(1,699.7) million in 2002.

Interest and dividend income decreased \$42.1 million to \$6.1 million in the second quarter of 2003. The decrease is due to the \$45.3 million dividend TDS recorded on its investment in Deutsche Telekom in 2002. Deutsche Telekom did not pay a dividend in 2003.

Loss on marketable securities and other investments totaled \$5.0 million in the second quarter of 2003 related to impairment loss recorded on a cellular investment held by TDS Telecom.

In the second quarter of 2002, TDS recorded a loss on marketable securities and other investments of \$1,719.1 million from a decline in value of marketable equity securities that management deemed other than temporary. The loss primarily included a loss of \$1,363.3 million recognized by TDS on its investment in Deutsche Telekom ordinary shares and a loss of \$243.8 million recognized by U.S. Cellular and \$64.3 million recognized by TDS Telecom on their investment in Vodafone ADRs.

Interest Expense increased 51% (\$14.9 million) to \$44.0 million in the second quarter of 2003 from \$29.1 million in 2002 for reasons generally the same as the first six months.

**Income Tax Expense (Benefit)** totaled \$23.6 million in 2003, a change of \$633.1 million from a benefit of \$(609.5) million in 2002. The effective tax (benefit) rate was 47.8% in 2003 and (38.7)% in 2002. For an analysis of TDS's effective tax rates in the second quarter of 2003 and 2002, see Note 4 - Income Taxes.

**Minority Share of (Income) Loss** changed \$21.4 million to \$(6.3) million in the second quarter of 2003 from \$15.1 million in 2002. U.S. Cellular's minority public shareholders' share of income in 2003 was reduced by \$400,000 due to U.S. Cellular's loss on marketable securities and other investments and loss on assets held for sale and by \$25.9 million in 2002 due to U.S. Cellular's loss on marketable securities and other investments.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2003	2002	Change
	As Restated		
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Minority Share of (Income) Loss			
U.S. Cellular			

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Minority Public Shareholders	\$	(5,050)	\$	15,722	\$	(20,772)
Minority Shareholders or Partners		(1,213)		(610)		(603)
		(6,263)		15,112		(21,375)
Other		(31)		3		(34)
	\$	(6,294)	\$	15,115	\$	(21,409)

**Net Income (Loss) Available to Common** totaled \$19.4 million, or \$0.34 per diluted share, in the second quarter of 2003, compared to \$(951.9) million, or \$(16.23) per diluted share, in the second quarter of 2002.

**RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

FASB Interpretation No. 46 ( FIN 46 ), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, was issued in January 2003, and is effective for all variable interests in variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003, and is effective July 1, 2003 for variable interests in variable interest entities created before February 1, 2003. This Interpretation clarifies the application of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, Consolidated Financial Statements, to certain entities in which equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties.

TDS has two subsidiary trusts, TDS Capital I and TDS Capital II, that are variable interest entities pursuant to FIN 46. Effective July 1, 2003, pursuant to the provisions of FIN 46, TDS will discontinue consolidating the subsidiary trusts.

TDS Capital I has outstanding 6,000,000 8.5% Company-Obligated Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Securities. The sole asset of TDS Capital I is \$154.6 million principal amount of TDS's 8.5%

Subordinated Debentures due December 31, 2037. TDS Capital II has outstanding 6,000,000 8.04% Company-Obligated Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Securities. The sole asset of TDS Capital II is \$154.6 million principal amount of 8.04% Subordinated Debentures due March 31, 2038.

On August 1, 2003, TDS announced that its subsidiary trusts, TDS Capital I and TDS Capital II will both redeem all of their outstanding Trust Originated Preferred Securities ( TOPrS<sup>SM</sup> ). The redemption date is expected to be September 2, 2003. The redemption price of both the 8.5% and 8.04% TOPrS will equal 100% of the principal amount, or \$25.00 per security, plus accrued and unpaid distributions. Upon redemption of the TOPrS by the subsidiary trusts, TDS will not have any variable interest entities pursuant to FIN 46.

SFAS No. 149, Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, was issued in April 2003, and is effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies financial accounting and reporting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. TDS will adopt the provisions of this Standard to contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and to hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. Since the provisions of this Statement will be applied prospectively, there will be no impact to TDS's June 30, 2003 financial position or results of operations.

SFAS No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity, was issued in May 2003, and is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise beginning July 1, 2003. SFAS No. 150 requires freestanding financial instruments within its scope to be recorded as a liability in the financial statements. Freestanding financial instruments include mandatorily redeemable financial instruments, obligations to repurchase issuer's equity shares and certain obligations to issue a variable number of issuer's shares. As of June 30, 2003, TDS had \$300 million of Company Obligated Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Securities of Subsidiary Trust that are free standing financial instruments within the scope of SFAS No. 150. However, the Subsidiary Trusts holding these securities will be deconsolidated pursuant to FIN 46, effective July 1, 2003. As of June 30, 2003, TDS had no other freestanding financial instruments within the scope of SFAS No. 150. Upon adoption, this Statement is not expected to have any effect on TDS's financial position or results of operations.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

**Cash Flows From Operating Activities.** TDS generates substantial internal funds from the operations of U.S. Cellular and TDS Telecom. Cash flows from operating activities totaled \$321.0 million in the first six months of 2003 compared to \$411.3 million in 2002. The following table is a summary of the components of cash flows from operating activities.

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2003	2002
	As Restated	
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 14,484	\$ (937,780)
Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities	361,139	1,340,841

	375,623	403,061
Changes in assets and liabilities	(54,601)	8,233
	\$ 321,022	\$ 411,294

Changes in working capital and other assets and liabilities used \$54.6 million in 2003 and provided \$8.2 million in 2002 reflecting timing differences in the payment of accounts payable, the receipt of accounts receivable, the change in accrued taxes and materials and supplies balances.

**Cash Flows from Investing Activities**

TDS makes substantial investments each year to acquire, construct, operate and upgrade modern high-quality communications networks and facilities as a basis for creating long-term value for shareowners. In

recent years, rapid changes in technology and new opportunities have required substantial investments in revenue enhancing and cost reducing upgrades to TDS's networks. Cash flows used for investing activities required \$345.9 million in the first six months of 2003 compared to \$359.6 million in 2002.

Cash expenditures for capital additions required \$360.9 million in first six months of 2003 and \$327.3 million in first six months of 2002. The primary purpose of TDS's construction and expansion expenditures is to provide for significant customer growth, to upgrade service, and to take advantage of service-enhancing and cost-reducing technological developments in order to maintain competitive services. U.S. Cellular's capital additions totaled \$304.0 million in first six months of 2003 and \$256.8 million in first six months of 2002 representing expenditures to construct cell sites, to replace retired assets, to improve business systems, to migrate to a single digital equipment platform - CDMA, and to build and launch new markets. TDS Telecom capital expenditures for its local telephone operations totaled \$44.7 million in first six months of 2003 and \$44.5 million in first six months of 2002 representing expenditures for switch modernization and outside plant facilities to maintain and enhance the quality of service and offer new revenue opportunities. TDS Telecom's capital expenditures for competitive local exchange operations totaled \$9.2 million in first six months of 2003 and \$26.0 million in first six months of 2002 for switching and other network facilities. Corporate capital expenditures totaled \$3.0 million in first six months of 2003.

Distributions from unconsolidated investments provided \$17.9 million in 2003 and \$6.2 million in 2002. TDS acquired a telephone company and three wireless licenses for \$73.7 million in 2002. TDS received a cash refund of \$47.6 million on its FCC deposits in 2002.

#### **Cash Flows from Financing Activities**

Cash flows from financing activities provided \$15.6 million in the first six months of 2003 and required \$147.9 million in 2002. In 2003, U.S. Cellular repurchased and cancelled the remaining \$45.2 million of 9% Series A Notes from PrimeCo for \$40.7 million. The repurchase was financed using short-term debt. In 2002, TDS retired a total of \$51.0 million of medium-term notes at par value. The net increase in Notes Payable provided \$143.6 million in 2003. The net decrease in Notes Payable required \$248.4 million in the first six months of 2002. In 2002 TDS and U.S. Cellular received \$179.8 million from prepaid variable forward contracts related to its investment in Vodafone (owned by U.S. Cellular) and VeriSign.

During the first six months of 2003 cash required for the repurchase of TDS Common Shares totaled \$56.5 million. In total, TDS has repurchased 1.4 million Common Shares for an average price of \$40.95 per share as of June 30, 2003. Dividends paid on Common and Preferred Shares, excluding dividends reinvested, totaled \$18.2 million in the first six months of 2003 and \$17.2 million in the first six months of 2002.

#### **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

Management believes that internal cash flow, existing cash and cash equivalents, and funds available from line of credit arrangements provide sufficient financial resources to finance its near-term capital, business development and expansion expenditures. TDS and its subsidiaries have access to public and private capital markets to help meet their long-term financing needs. TDS and its subsidiaries anticipate accessing public and private capital markets to issue debt and equity securities when and if capital requirements, financial market conditions and other factors warrant.

However, the availability of financial resources is dependent on economic events, business developments, technological changes, financial conditions and other factors. If at any time financing is not available on terms acceptable to TDS, TDS might be required to reduce its business development and capital expenditure plans, which could have a materially adverse effect on its business and financial condition. TDS does not believe that any circumstances that could materially adversely affect TDS's liquidity or capital resources are currently reasonably likely to occur, but it cannot provide assurances that such circumstances will not occur or that they will not occur rapidly. Economic downturns, changes in financial markets or other factors could rapidly change the availability of TDS's liquidity and capital resources. Uncertainty of access to capital for telecommunications companies, further deterioration in the capital markets, other changes in market conditions or other factors could limit or restrict the availability of financing on terms and prices acceptable to TDS, which could require TDS to reduce its construction, development, acquisition and share repurchase programs.

TDS generates substantial internal funds from the operations of U.S. Cellular and TDS Telecom. Cash flows from operating activities totaled \$321.0 million in the first six months of 2003 compared to \$411.3 million



in 2002. TDS and its subsidiaries had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$1,289.6 million at June 30, 2003. TDS anticipates using a portion of the cash to repurchase common shares, reduce outstanding debt and for general corporate purposes.

### **Revolving Credit Facilities**

TDS and its subsidiaries had \$1,425 million of revolving credit facilities available for general corporate purposes, \$816.5 million of which was unused, as well as an additional \$75 million in bank lines of credit, all of which was unused, as of June 30, 2003.

TDS had a \$600 million revolving credit facility for general corporate purposes at June 30, 2003. TDS had \$3.3 million of letters of credit outstanding against the revolving credit agreement leaving \$596.7 million available for use. The credit facility expires in January 2007. Borrowings bear interest at the London InterBank Offering Rate ( LIBOR ) plus a contractual spread based on TDS' s credit rating. The contractual spread was 30 basis points as of June 30, 2003 (for a rate of 1.42% based on LIBOR at June 30, 2003).

TDS also had \$75 million of additional bank lines of credit for general corporate purposes at June 30, 2003, all of which was unused. The lines of credit expire in less than one year. These line of credit agreements provide for borrowings at negotiated rates up to the prime rate (4.0% at June 30, 2003).

U.S. Cellular had a \$500 million bank revolving line of credit ( 1997 Revolving Credit Facility ) for general corporate purposes at June 30, 2003, \$20.0 million of which was unused. The 1997 Revolving Credit Facility expires in August 2004. This line of credit provides for borrowings at LIBOR plus a contractual spread, based on U.S. Cellular' s credit rating, which was 19.5 basis points as of June 30, 2003 (for a rate of 1.315% based on LIBOR at June 30, 2003).

U.S. Cellular also had a \$325 million bank revolving line of credit ( 2002 Revolving Credit Facility ) to be used for general corporate purposes at June 30, 2003, \$199.8 million of which was unused. The 2002 Revolving Credit Facility expires in June 2007. This line of credit provides for borrowings with interest at LIBOR plus a margin percentage, based on U.S. Cellular' s credit rating, which was 55 basis points as of June 30, 2003 (for a rate of 1.67% based on LIBOR at June 30, 2003).

TDS' s and U.S. Cellular' s interest costs would increase if their credit rating goes down which would increase their cost of financing, but their credit facilities would not cease to be available solely as a result of a decline in their credit rating. A downgrade in TDS' s or U.S. Cellular' s credit rating could adversely affect its ability to renew existing, or obtain access to new, credit facilities in the future. 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 provide representation on certain matters at the time of each borrowing. At June 30, 2003, TDS and U.S. Cellular were in compliance with all covenants and other requirements set forth in the credit agreements. The respective maturities of TDS' s and U.S. Cellular' s credit facilities would accelerate in the event of a change in control.

In June 2003, Moody' s Investors Service placed the debt ratings of TDS and U.S. Cellular under review for possible downgrade. Moody' s has stated that the review will focus on 1) U.S. Cellular' s ability to improve its earnings and generate meaningful free cash flow given its substantial capital expenditure requirements, slowing industry subscriber growth rates, declining roaming revenues, intensifying competition and higher operating expenses associated with competition, increasing network usage and expansion of distribution channels and 2) the extent and timing of the de-leveraging of the balance sheet of TDS.

**Long-term Financing**

At June 30, 2003, TDS and its subsidiaries are in compliance with all covenants and other requirements set forth in long-term debt indentures. TDS does not have any rating downgrade triggers that would accelerate the maturity dates of its long-term debt. However, a downgrade in TDS's credit rating could adversely affect its ability to refinance existing, or obtain access to new, long-term debt in the future.

TDS repurchased \$5,000,000 of 10.0% Medium Term Notes in the second quarter of 2003 at 115.750% of par value. The loss on retirement of debt totaled \$787,500. TDS notified the holders of \$65.5 million of Series B Medium Term Notes in June 2003 of its intent to redeem these notes at par. The notes are reflected as current portion of long-term debt on the balance sheet as of June 30, 2003 and were redeemed in July 2003. There will be no gain or loss on the retirement of these notes at par value.

On August 1, 2003, TDS announced that its subsidiary trusts, TDS Capital I and TDS Capital II will both

redeem all of their outstanding Trust Originated Preferred Securities ( TOPr<sup>SM</sup> ). The redemption date is expected to be September 2, 2003. The redemption price of both the 8.5% and 8.04% TOPrS will be equal to 100% of the principal amount, or \$25.00 per security, plus accrued and unpaid distributions. The outstanding amount of the 8.5% TOPrS to be redeemed is \$150 million. The outstanding amount of the 8.04% TOPrS to be redeemed is \$150 million. There will be no gain or loss on the redemption of these securities.

### **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 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. The investment in Deutsche Telekom resulted from TDS's sale of its over 80%-owned personal communications services operating subsidiary, Aerial Communications, to VoiceStream Wireless for stock of VoiceStream, which was then acquired by Deutsche Telekom in exchange for Deutsche Telekom stock. The investment in Vodafone resulted from certain sales or trades of non-strategic cellular investments to or settlements with AirTouch Communications in exchange for stock of AirTouch, which was then acquired by Vodafone for American Depositary Receipts representing Vodafone stock. The investment in Rural Cellular Corporation is the result of a consolidation of several cellular partnerships in which TDS subsidiaries held interests into Rural Cellular Corporation, and the distribution of Rural Cellular Corporation stock in exchange for these interests. The investment in VeriSign is the result of the acquisition by VeriSign of Illuminet, Inc., a telecommunications entity in which several TDS subsidiaries held interests. TDS has not disposed of the investments because their low tax basis would likely trigger a substantial taxable gain upon disposition.

Subsidiaries of TDS and U.S. Cellular have entered into a number of variable prepaid forward contracts ( forward contracts ) related to the marketable equity securities that it holds. The forward contracts mature from May 2007 to August 2008 and, at TDS's and U.S. Cellular's option, may be settled in shares of the respective security or cash. TDS and U.S. Cellular have provided guarantees to the lenders which provide assurance to the lenders that all principal and interest amounts are paid upon settlement of the contracts by its subsidiaries. If shares are delivered in the settlement of the forward contract, TDS 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. Deferred taxes have been provided for the difference between the financial reporting basis and the income tax basis of the marketable equity securities and are included in deferred tax liabilities on the balance sheet. As of June 30, 2003, such deferred tax liabilities totaled \$877.8 million.

### **Capital Expenditures**

U.S. Cellular's estimated capital spending for 2003 totals approximately \$650-\$670 million, primarily to add cell sites to expand and enhance coverage, to provide additional capacity to accommodate increased network usage, to provide additional digital service capabilities including the migration toward a single digital platform CDMA technology, to build out certain personal communications service licensed areas and to enhance office systems. U.S. Cellular's capital expenditures for the six months ended June 30, 2003 totaled \$304.0 million, including \$43 million for the conversion to CDMA. U.S. Cellular plans to finance its cellular construction program using primarily internally generated cash and funds from the revolving credit facilities.

U.S. Cellular expects capital expenditures related to the buildout of the personal communication service licensed areas it acquired in 2001-2003, including those included in the AT&T Wireless transaction, to be substantial. See the Acquisitions and Divestitures section below for a discussion of the AT&T Wireless transaction. U.S. Cellular plans to build networks to serve these licensed areas and launch commercial service in these areas over the next several years. Approximately \$80 million of the estimated capital spending for the remainder of 2003 is allocated to the buildout of certain of these licenses, and U.S. Cellular expects a significant portion of its capital spending over the next few years to be related to the buildout of personal communication service licensed areas.

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U.S. Cellular expects its conversion to CDMA to be completed during 2004, at a revised approximate cost of \$385 million to \$410 million spread over 2002 to 2004. The estimates have been revised from the original estimate of \$400 million to \$450 million to reflect more favorable pricing than expected as well as additional efficiencies in the conversion process. Capital expenditures related to this conversion totaled \$215 million in 2002, and are estimated to be \$50 million in 2003 and \$120 million to \$145 million in 2004. U.S. Cellular has contracted with multiple infrastructure vendors to provide a substantial portion of the

equipment related to the conversion.

TDS Telecom's estimated capital spending for 2003 approximates \$165 million. The incumbent local telephone companies are expected to spend approximately \$130 million to provide for normal growth and to upgrade plant and equipment to provide enhanced services. The competitive local exchange companies are expected to spend approximately \$35 million to build switching and other network facilities to meet the needs of a growing customer base. TDS Telecom's incumbent local exchange carrier capital expenditures totaled \$44.7 million and the competitive local exchange carrier capital expenditures totaled \$9.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003. TDS Telecom plans to finance its construction program using primarily internally generated cash.

### **Acquisitions and Divestitures**

On March 10, 2003, U.S. Cellular announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement with AT&T Wireless to exchange wireless properties, which was still pending at June 30, 2003. The closing of the transfer of the U.S. Cellular properties to AT&T Wireless and the assignments to U.S. Cellular from AT&T Wireless of a portion of the personal communication service licenses occurred on August 1, 2003. When this transaction is fully consummated, U.S. Cellular will receive 10 and 20 megahertz personal communication service licenses in 13 states, representing 12.2 million incremental population equivalents contiguous to existing properties and 4.4 million population equivalents that overlap existing properties in the Midwest and the Northeast. On the initial closing date, U.S. Cellular also received approximately \$31 million in cash (excluding a working capital adjustment) and minority interests in six markets it currently controls. Also on the initial closing date, U.S. Cellular transferred wireless assets and customers in 10 markets, representing 1.5 million population equivalents, in Florida and Georgia to AT&T Wireless. The assignment and development of certain licenses has been deferred by U.S. Cellular until later periods. The acquisition of licenses in the exchange will be accounted for as a purchase by U.S. Cellular and the transfer of the properties by U.S. Cellular to AT&T Wireless will be accounted for as a sale.

As a result of the agreement, U.S. Cellular's consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2003 reflects the wireless assets and liabilities to be transferred as assets and liabilities of operations held for sale, in accordance with SFAS No. 144. The results of operations of the markets transferred continue to be included in results from operations. Service revenues from the Florida and Georgia markets transferred totaled \$29 million and \$58 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2003, respectively, while operating income totaled \$12.6 million and \$22.4 million, respectively. Operating income does not include shared services costs that have been allocated to the markets from the U.S. Cellular corporate office.

### **Repurchase of Securities and Dividends**

As market conditions warrant, TDS and U.S. Cellular may continue the repurchase of their common shares on the open market or at negotiated prices in private transactions. In 2003, the TDS Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 3.0 million TDS Common Shares through February 2006. A total of 1.4 million TDS Common Shares were repurchased in 2003 at an aggregate price of \$56.5 million. TDS has 1.6 million common shares remaining available for repurchase under the authorization U.S. Cellular has approximately 859,000 shares remaining on its 1.4 million Common Share repurchase authorization that expires in December 2003. No U.S. Cellular Common Shares were repurchased in 2003.

The U.S. Cellular Board of Directors has authorized management to opportunistically repurchase liquid yield option notes, otherwise known as LYONs, in private transactions. U.S. Cellular may also purchase a limited amount of LYONs in open-market transactions from time to time. U.S. Cellular LYONs are convertible, at the option of their holders, at any time prior to maturity, redemption or purchase, into U.S. Cellular Common Shares at a conversion rate of 9.475 U.S. Cellular Common Shares per LYONs. Upon conversion, U.S. Cellular has the option to deliver to holders either U.S. Cellular Common Shares or cash equal to the market value of the U.S. Cellular Common Shares into which LYONs are convertible. U.S. Cellular may redeem the notes for cash at the issue price plus accrued original issue discount through the date of

redemption.

TDS paid total dividends on its common and preferred stock of \$18.2 million in the first six months of 2003 and \$17.2 million in the first six months of 2002. TDS has no current plans to change its policy of paying dividends. TDS paid quarterly dividends per share of \$.155 in 2003 and \$.145 in 2002.

**Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

TDS has no material transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations) or other relationships with unconsolidated entities or other persons ( off-balance sheet arrangements ), that have

or are reasonably likely to have a material current or future effect on financial condition, changes in financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures, capital resources or significant components of revenues or expenses.

## **APPLICATION OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

TDS prepares its consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( U.S. GAAP ). TDS's significant accounting policies are discussed in detail in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements included in TDS's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions and information that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Management believes the following critical accounting estimates reflect its more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements. TDS's senior management has discussed the development and selection of each of the following accounting estimates and the following disclosures with the audit committee of TDS's board of directors.

### **License Costs and Goodwill**

TDS reported \$979.8 million of wireless license costs and \$1,005.0 million of goodwill, at June 30, 2003 as a result of the acquisition of wireless licenses and markets, and the acquisition of operating telephone companies. Included in Assets of Operations Held For Sale was \$55.1 million of license costs and \$93.7 million of goodwill at June 30, 2003.

Wireless 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 performs the annual impairment review on wireless license investments and goodwill during the second quarter. There can be no assurance that upon review at a later date material impairment charges will not be required.

The intangible asset impairment test consists of comparing the fair value of the intangible asset to the carrying amount of the intangible asset. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, an impairment loss is recognized for the difference. The goodwill impairment test is a two-step process. The first step compares the fair value of the reporting unit to its carrying value. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, the second step of the test is performed to measure the amount of impairment loss, if any. The second step compares the implied fair value of reporting unit goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill. To calculate the implied fair value of goodwill, an enterprise allocates the fair value of the reporting unit to all of the assets and liabilities of that reporting unit (including any unrecognized intangible assets) as if the reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination and the fair value was the price paid to acquire the reporting unit. The excess of the fair value of the reporting unit over the amounts assigned to the assets and liabilities of the reporting unit is the implied fair value of goodwill. If the carrying amount exceeds the implied fair value, an impairment loss is recognized for that difference.

The fair value of an intangible asset and reporting unit goodwill is the amount at which that asset or reporting unit could be bought or sold in a current transaction between willing parties. Therefore, quoted market prices in active markets are the best evidence of fair value and should be used when available. If quoted market prices are not available, the estimate of fair value is based on the best information available, including prices for similar assets and the use of other valuation techniques. Other valuation techniques include present value analysis, multiples of earnings or revenue or a similar performance measure. The use of these techniques involves assumptions by management about the following factors that are highly uncertain and can result in a range of values: future cash flows, the appropriate discount rate, and other factors and inputs.

U.S. Cellular tests goodwill for impairment at the level of reporting referred to as a reporting unit. U.S. Cellular has identified seven reporting units pursuant to paragraph 30 of SFAS No. 142. The seven



reporting units represent seven geographic groupings of FCC licenses, constituting seven markets or service areas. U.S. Cellular combines its FCC licenses into seven units of accounting for purposes of testing the licenses for impairment pursuant to EITF 02-7 and SFAS No. 142, using the same geographic groupings as its reporting units.

U.S. Cellular retained a third-party valuation firm to prepare valuations of the seven reporting units. A discounted cash flow approach was used to value each of the reporting units, using value drivers and risks specific to each individual geographic region. The cash flow estimates incorporate assumptions that market participants would use in their estimates of fair value. Key assumptions made in this process were the selection of a discount rate, estimated future cash flow levels, projected capital expenditures, and selection of terminal values.

U.S. Cellular also retained a third party valuation firm to prepare valuations of the seven groupings of FCC licenses (units of accounting pursuant to EITF 02-7). The valuations were prepared using an excess earnings methodology, through the use of a discounted cash flow approach. This excess earnings methodology estimates the fair value of the intangible assets (FCC license units of accounting) by measuring the future cash flows of the license groups, reduced by charges for contributory assets such as working capital, trademarks, existing subscribers, fixed assets, assembled workforce and goodwill.

TDS Telecom has recorded goodwill primarily as a result of the acquisition of operating telephone companies. TDS Telecom has assigned goodwill to its incumbent local exchange carrier reporting unit (\$397.0 million), its competitive local exchange carrier reporting units (\$29.4 million), and a wireless investment reporting unit (\$30.9 million). The incumbent local exchange carrier reporting unit was valued using a multiple of cash flow valuation technique. The competitive local exchange carrier and wireless investment reporting units were valued using a discounted cash flow analysis.

In the first quarter of 2003, TDS recorded a \$3.5 million license cost impairment loss related to the investment in a non-operating market in Florida that will remain after the AT&T Wireless exchange. The annual impairment testing was performed at both U.S. Cellular and TDS Telecom in the second quarter of 2003. Based on this review, TDS recorded a \$5.0 million impairment loss on goodwill related to a cellular investment held at TDS Telecom in the second quarter of 2003.

### **Asset Retirement Obligations**

SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, was issued in June 2001, and became effective for TDS beginning January 1, 2003. SFAS No. 143 requires 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. When the liability is initially recorded, the entity capitalizes the cost of the asset retirement obligation by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. 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.

The calculation of the asset retirement obligation for TDS is a critical accounting estimate because changing the factors used in calculating the obligation could result in larger or smaller estimated obligation that could have a significant impact on TDS's results of operations and financial condition. Such factors may include probabilities or likelihood of remediation, cost estimates, lease renewals and salvage values. Actual results may differ materially from estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

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U.S. Cellular is subject to asset retirement obligations associated primarily with its cell sites, retail sites and office locations. Asset retirement obligations include costs to remediate leased land on which U.S. Cellular's cell sites and switching offices are located. U.S. Cellular is also required to return lease retail store premises and office space to their pre-existing conditions. Upon settlement of the obligation, any difference between the cost to retire the asset and the liability recorded is recognized in the statement of operations as a gain or loss.

U.S. Cellular determined that it had an obligation to remove long-lived assets in its cell sites, retail sites and office locations as described by SFAS 143, and has recorded a \$54.4 million liability upon adoption.

TDS Telecom's incumbent local telephone companies follow the provisions of SFAS No. 71, and therefore conform to the regulatory accounting principles as prescribed by the respective state public utility commissions and the FCC, and where applicable, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. On December 20, 2002, the FCC notified carriers by Order that it will not adopt SFAS No. 143 since the FCC concluded that SFAS No. 143 conflicted with the FCC's current accounting rules that require incumbent local telephone companies to accrue for asset retirement obligations through prescribed depreciation rates. Pursuant to the FCC's order, and the provisions of SFAS No. 71, the incumbent local telephone companies continue to accrue asset retirement obligations as a component of depreciation expense pursuant to depreciation rates set forth by the respective state public utility commissions.

At January 1, 2003, upon implementation of SFAS No. 143, TDS Telecom determined the amount of the incumbent local telephone companies asset retirement obligations required to be recorded was \$29.9 million, and this asset retirement obligation was reclassified from accumulated depreciation to deferred liabilities and credits under the provisions of SFAS No. 143. After the effect of this reclassification, the incumbent local telephone companies have an amount of \$25.4 million as of January 1, 2003 that remains in accumulated depreciation that represents asset retirement costs that have been accrued in accordance with depreciation rates promulgated by the respective state public utility commissions, which are in excess of asset retirement costs that are required to be accrued under the provisions of SFAS No. 143. The accounting guidelines of the state public utility commission and the FCC provide that such costs of removal be recorded as accumulated depreciation. These costs of removal are recorded based upon the guidelines of the incumbent local telephone companies' regulators and are not an asset retirement obligation as defined by SFAS No. 143. The adoption of SFAS No. 143 by TDS's incumbent local telephone companies did not have a material effect on TDS's financial position or results of operations.

TDS Telecom's competitive local telephone companies adopted SFAS No. 143 effective January 1, 2003. TDS Telecom determined that its competitive local telephone companies do not have a material legal obligation to remove long-lived assets as described by SFAS 143, and accordingly, adoption of SFAS 143 did not have a material impact on the competitive local telephone companies.

### **Income Taxes**

The accounting for income taxes, the amounts of income tax assets and liabilities and the related income tax provision are critical accounting estimates because such amounts are significant to TDS's financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires TDS to calculate a provision for income taxes. This process involves estimating the actual current income tax liability together with assessing temporary differences resulting from the different treatment of items, such as depreciation expense, for tax and accounting purposes. These temporary differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within the consolidated balance sheet. TDS must then assess the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income and to the extent management believes that recovery is not likely, establish a valuation allowance. Management judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes, deferred tax assets and liabilities and any valuation allowance recorded against deferred tax assets. TDS's current net deferred tax asset was \$20.3 million as of June 30, 2003, representing primarily the deferred tax effects of the allowance for doubtful accounts on accounts receivable.

The temporary differences that gave rise to the noncurrent deferred tax assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2003 are as follows:

<b>June 30, 2003</b>	
<b>As Restated</b>	
<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	
<b>Deferred Tax Asset</b>	
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 82,923
Partnership investments	40,010
Derivative investments	126,336
	249,269
Less valuation allowance	(49,868)
<b>Total Deferred Tax Asset</b>	<b>199,401</b>
<b>Deferred Tax Liability</b>	
Marketable equity securities	877,771
Property, plant and equipment	390,214
Licenses	155,319
Other	3,959
<b>Total Deferred Tax Liability</b>	<b>1,427,263</b>
<b>Net Deferred Income Tax Liability</b>	<b>\$ 1,227,862</b>

The valuation allowance relates to state net operating loss carry forwards and the federal operating loss carryforwards for those subsidiaries not included in the federal income tax return since it is more than likely that a portion will expire before such carryforwards can be utilized.

The deferred income tax liability relating to marketable equity securities of \$877.8 million at June 30, 2003 represents deferred income taxes calculated on the difference between the book basis and the tax basis of the marketable securities. Income taxes will be payable when TDS sells the marketable securities.

TDS is routinely subject to examination of its income tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) and other tax authorities. TDS periodically assesses the likelihood of adjustments to its tax liabilities resulting from these examinations to determine the adequacy of its provision for income taxes, including related interest. Management's judgment is required in assessing the eventual outcome of these examinations. Changes to such assessments affect the calculation of TDS's income tax expense. The IRS has completed audits of TDS's federal income tax returns for tax years through 1996.

In the event of an increase in the value of tax assets or a decrease in the value of tax liabilities, TDS would decrease the income tax expense or increase the income tax benefit by an equivalent amount. In the event of a decrease in the value of tax assets or an increase in the value of tax liabilities, TDS would increase the income tax expense or decrease the income tax benefit by an equivalent amount.

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The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, enacted in May 2003, increases bonus depreciation from 30% to 50% and extends the bonus depreciation provisions until December 31, 2004. TDS expects to take advantage of the new rules. Such additional depreciation deductions are expected to result in a federal net operating loss for TDS in 2003.

### **Assets of Held for Sale Operations**

In connection with the exchange of wireless properties with AT&T Wireless, the consolidated balance sheet and supplemental data of TDS reflect the assets and liabilities to be transferred as of June 30, 2003 as assets and liabilities of operations held for sale in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. The results of operations of the markets to be transferred continue to be included in results from continuing operations through the closing date, which occurred on August 1, 2003.

An independent appraisal was performed to determine the fair value of the assets to be received from AT&T Wireless as well as the allocation of goodwill associated with the markets sold. The value of goodwill allocated to the transferred markets is a critical accounting estimate because it is significant to the recorded value of the assets being transferred. The values of such allocations include underlying assumptions about uncertain matters that are material to the determination of the values, and different estimates could have had a material impact on TDS's financial presentation that would have been used in the current period.

Summarized assets and liabilities relating to operations held for sale are as follows:

	<b>June 30, 2003</b>	
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7
Accounts receivable		11,777
Other current assets		1,074
License costs		55,147
Goodwill		93,658
Property, plant and equipment, net		88,415
Other assets		798
Loss on assets held for sale		(27,000)
Assets of Operations Held for Sale	\$	223,876
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$	5,405
Other current liabilities		3,600
Liabilities of Operations Held for Sale	\$	9,005

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, TDS recorded an estimated pre-tax loss of \$27.0 million related to the sale of assets to AT&T Wireless. This loss represents the difference between the fair value of the assets TDS expects to receive in the AT&T Wireless transaction, as determined by an independent valuation, and the recorded value of the assets it transferred to AT&T Wireless. Subsequent to recording the loss, the recorded value of the assets TDS expects to transfer to AT&T Wireless is equal to the fair value of the assets TDS expects to receive from AT&T Wireless. This loss may require an adjustment during the third quarter of 2003 to reflect the final amounts of the fair value of assets received and the recorded value of the assets transferred.

TDS anticipates that it will record an additional charge to the Statement of Operations of approximately \$12 million for income taxes and will have a current liability of approximately \$5 million related to state income taxes on the completion of the transaction. As a result of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, enacted in May of 2003, TDS anticipates that it will claim additional federal tax depreciation deductions in 2003. Such additional depreciation deductions are expected to result in a federal net operating loss for TDS for 2003; accordingly, TDS anticipates that there will be no current federal tax liability in 2003 attributable to the planned exchange of assets with AT&T Wireless.

**OUTLOOK**

This outlook section summarizes TDS's expectations for 2003. Notwithstanding TDS's expectations regarding its ability to deliver these results, TDS can never be certain that future revenues or earnings will be achieved at any particular level. Estimates of future financial performance are forward-looking statements and are subject to uncertainty created by the risk factors otherwise identified under Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 Safe Harbor Cautionary Statement.

Based on the completion of U.S. Cellular's transaction with AT&T Wireless, the TDS Companies have reviewed their forward-looking statements. The revised statements for the year 2003, inclusive of costs for build out of some markets acquired in the AT&T Wireless transaction are as follows:

U.S. Cellular 2003 Outlook

Net adds	475,000	500,000
Service revenues	\$2.35	\$2.4 billion
Depreciation and amortization	\$445	\$450 million
Operating income*	\$170	\$190 million
Capital spending	\$650	\$670 million

\*Includes \$27 million in operating expenses related to loss on assets held for sale related to the AT&T Wireless exchange

Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier 2003 Outlook

Revenues	\$635	\$645 million
Depreciation and amortization	\$135 million	
Operating income	\$170	\$180 million
Capital spending	\$130 million	

Competitive Local Exchange Carrier 2003 Outlook

Revenues	\$210	\$220 million
Depreciation and amortization	\$35 million	
Operating income	\$(35)	\$(25) million
Capital spending	\$35 million	

**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

The following persons are partners of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, the principal law firm of TDS and its subsidiaries: Walter C.D. Carlson, a trustee and beneficiary of a voting trust that controls TDS, the chairman of the board and member of the board of directors of TDS and a director of U.S. Cellular, a subsidiary of TDS; William S. DeCarlo, the General Counsel of TDS and an Assistant Secretary of TDS and certain subsidiaries of TDS; and Stephen P. Fitzell, the General Counsel of U.S. Cellular and an Assistant Secretary of certain subsidiaries of TDS. Walter C.D. Carlson does not provide legal services to TDS or its subsidiaries.



**PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995**

**SAFE HARBOR CAUTIONARY STATEMENT**

*This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition and other sections of this Quarterly Report contain statements that are not based on historical fact, including the words believes, anticipates, intends, expects, and similar words. These statements constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, events or developments to be significantly different from any future results, events or developments expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include the following:*

*Increases in the level of competition in the markets in which TDS operates could adversely affect TDS's revenues or increase its costs to compete.*

*Advances or changes in telecommunications technology could render certain technologies used by TDS obsolete or could increase TDS's cost of doing business.*

*Changes in the telecommunications regulatory environment, related to wireless number portability and E-911 services in particular, could adversely affect TDS's financial condition or results of operations or ability to do business.*

*Changes in the supply or demand of the market for wireless licenses or telephone companies, adverse developments in the TDS businesses or the industries in which TDS is involved and/or other factors could result in an impairment of the value of TDS's license costs, goodwill and/or physical assets, which may require TDS to record a writedown in the value of such assets.*

*Conversions of debt, early redemptions of debt or repurchases of debt, changes in prepaid forward contracts, operating leases, purchase obligations or other factors or developments could cause the amounts reported under Contractual Obligations to be different from the amounts presented.*

*Changes in accounting policies, estimates and/or in the assumptions underlying the accounting estimates, including those described under Critical Accounting Policies, could have a material effect on TDS's financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations.*

*Settlement, judgments, restraints on its current or future manner of doing business and/or legal costs resulting from pending and future litigation could have an adverse effect on TDS's financial condition, results of operations or ability to do business.*

*Costs, integration problems or other factors associated with acquisitions/divestitures of properties and/or licenses could have an adverse effect on TDS's financial condition or results of operations.*

*Changes in prices, the number of customers, average revenue per customer, penetration rates, churn rates, roaming rates, access minutes of use, the mix of products and services offered or other business factors could have an adverse effect on TDS's business operations.*

*Continued uncertainty of access to capital for telecommunications companies, continued deterioration in the capital markets, other changes in market conditions, changes in TDS's credit ratings or other factors could limit or restrict the availability of financing on terms and prices acceptable to TDS, which could require TDS to reduce its construction, development and acquisition programs.*

*Changes in the income tax rates or other tax law changes could have an adverse effect on TDS's financial condition and results of operations.*

*War, conflicts, hostilities and/or terrorist attacks could have an adverse effect on TDS's businesses.*

*Changes in general economic and business conditions, both nationally and in the markets in which TDS operates, including continued difficulties by telecommunications companies, could have an adverse effect on TDS's businesses.*

*TDS undertakes no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Readers should evaluate any statements in light of these important factors.*

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K.

(a) Exhibits:

Exhibit 11 - Computation of earnings per common share is included herein as footnote 7 to the financial statements.

Exhibit 12 - Statement regarding computation of ratios.\*

Exhibit 31.1 Chief Executive Officer certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Exhibit 31.2 Chief Financial Officer certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Exhibit 32.1 Chief Executive Officer certification pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Exhibit 32.2 Chief Financial Officer certification pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Exhibit 99.1 News release announcing the intent of TDS's subsidiary trusts, TDS Capital I and TDS Capital II, to redeem its Trust Originated Preferred Securities.\*

Exhibit 99.2 News release dated August 1, 2003 announcing the completion of the exchange of assets between U.S. Cellular and AT&T Wireless.\*

\* Previously filed as an exhibit to the TDS Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2003.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K filed during the quarter ended June 30, 2003:

TDS filed a Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 5, 2003, for the purpose of filing TDS's first quarter 2003 earnings release.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS,  
INC.  
(Registrant)

Date	March 10, 2004	/s/ LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer
Date	March 10, 2004	/s/ Sandra L. Helton Sandra L. Helton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Date	March 10, 2004	/s/ D. Michael Jack D. Michael Jack, Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)

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