

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q/A**

Amendment No. 1

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006

OR

**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**

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

Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

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

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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, 2006
Common Shares, \$.01 par value	51,431,735 Shares
Special Common Shares, \$.01 par value	57,782,076 Shares
Series A Common Shares, \$.01 par value	6,446,079 Shares

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**Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. and Subsidiaries**

**Explanatory Note**

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ( TDS ) is filing this Amendment No. 1 to its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006, which was originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on August 25, 2006 ( Original Form 10-Q ), to amend Part I Financial Information Item 1 Financial Statements, Item 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ( MD&A ), Item 3 Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, and Item 4 Controls and Procedures, and Part II Other Information Item 6 Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

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

The restatement adjustments are described below.

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

remediation liabilities, previously recorded in accumulated depreciation, to an ARO liability and a separate regulatory liability. Upon further review, TDS has concluded that upon adoption of SFAS No. 143, and in accordance with SFAS No. 71, it should have recognized an ARO asset and a corresponding ARO liability, rather than establish the ARO liability through a reclassification of its existing remediation liabilities. The adjustment did not affect previously reported revenues, operating income or net income (loss).

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- **Contracts with maintenance and support services** U.S. Cellular entered into certain equipment and software contracts that included maintenance and support services. In one case, U.S. Cellular did not properly allocate expenditures between equipment purchases and maintenance and support services. In other cases, U.S. Cellular did not properly record fees for maintenance and support services over the specified term of the agreement. The restatement adjustments properly record property, plant and equipment, related depreciation expense and fees for maintenance and support services in the correct periods.
- **Classification of Asset Retirement Obligation on the Statement of Cash Flows** The additions to property, plant and equipment and other deferred liabilities representing additional asset retirement obligations ( ARO ) should be treated as non-cash items in the statement of cash flows. From 2004 through the second quarter of 2006, U.S. Cellular included additional ARO liabilities as a change in other assets and liabilities in cash flows from operating activities and the increase in the ARO asset balance as a capital expenditure in cash flows from investing activities resulting in an overstatement of cash flows from operating activities and an overstatement of cash flows required by investing activities. In the restatement, adjustments were recorded in the statement of cash flows to offset the change in ARO liabilities against the ARO asset.
- **Income taxes** In the restatement, TDS adjusted its income tax expense, income taxes payable, goodwill, deferred income tax assets and liabilities and related disclosures for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, 2003 and 2002 for items identified based on its annual analysis reconciling its 2005 income tax expense and income tax balance sheet accounts as determined in its comparison of the 2005 year-end income tax provision to the 2005 federal and state income tax returns. These adjustments included corrections for certain accounts that had not previously been included in the financial reporting basis used in determining the cumulative temporary differences in computing deferred income tax assets and liabilities, as well as adjustments to certain cumulative temporary differences that had historically been incorrectly associated with operating license assets which, in this restatement, have been correctly classified as investments in partnership assets. Accordingly, the company has adjusted the deferred tax liabilities related to these assets. Goodwill was adjusted to record the income tax effect of the difference between the financial reporting basis and the income tax basis of certain acquisitions made prior to 2004.

TDS determined that the state deferred tax liabilities attributable to marketable equity securities, as presented in prior periods, should have been lower to reflect carryover of a higher stock basis than the federal basis for certain states that have not adopted the federal consolidated return regulations. TDS also identified a valuation allowance related to state net operating loss carry forwards for which deferred tax liabilities related to marketable equity securities provide positive evidence supporting reductions to previously established valuation allowances.
- **Cash and interest income** In reviewing cash accounts, it was determined that cash and interest income were overstated in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and six months ended June 30, 2006. In the restatement, TDS corrected the overstatement by reducing cash and interest income.
- **Property, plant and equipment** U.S. Cellular did not properly record certain transfers and disposals of equipment removed from service. Also, U.S. Cellular did not properly record depreciation expense for certain leasehold improvements and other equipment due to the use of incorrect asset lives. The restatement adjustments properly record equipment disposals and depreciation expense in the correct amounts and periods.
- **Other items** In addition to the adjustments described above, TDS recorded a number of other adjustments to correct and record revenues, expenses and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities in the periods in which such revenues, expenses and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities were earned or incurred. Adjustments were also made to correct certain balance sheet amounts, including corrections to purchase price accounting for certain acquisitions prior to 2003. These individual adjustments were not material.



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

For the convenience of the reader, this Form 10-Q/A sets forth the Original Form 10-Q, as amended hereby, in its entirety. However, this Form 10-Q/A amends and restates only Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Part I and Item 6 of Part II of the Original Form 10-Q, in each case solely as a result of and to reflect the adjustments discussed above and more fully in Note 1 of the accompanying consolidated financial statements, and no other information in the Original Form 10-Q is amended hereby. The foregoing items have not been updated to reflect other events occurring after the filing of the Original Form 10-Q, or to modify or update those disclosures affected by other subsequent events. In particular, forward-looking statements included in the Form 10-Q/A represented management's views as of the date of filing of the Original Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006 on August 25, 2006. Such forward-looking statements should not be assumed to be accurate as of any future date. TDS undertakes no duty to update such information whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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

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Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A

For the Period Ended March 31, 2006

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**Part I. Financial Information****Item 1. Financial Statements****Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. and Subsidiaries****Consolidated Statements of Operations****Unaudited**

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(As Restated)</b>	<b>(As Restated)</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</b>	
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 1,059,077	\$ 933,962
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Cost of services and products (exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion expense shown below)	376,306	343,817
Selling, general and administrative expense	392,621	345,072
Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense	182,966	170,141
Total Operating Expenses	951,893	859,030
<b>Operating Income</b>	107,184	74,932
<b>Investment and Other Income (Expense)</b>		
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities	19,805	14,751
Interest and dividend income	11,483	8,118
Interest expense	(58,532)	(51,856)
Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments	30	335,400
Gain on investments		500
Other expense	(927)	(4,274)
Total Investment and Other Income (Expense)	(28,141)	302,639
<b>Income Before Income Taxes and Minority Interest</b>	79,043	377,571
Income tax expense	32,342	148,400
<b>Income Before Minority Interest</b>	46,701	229,171
Minority share of income	(10,704)	(5,610)
<b>Net Income</b>	35,997	223,561
Preferred dividend requirement	(51)	(50)
<b>Net Income Available To Common</b>	\$ 35,946	\$ 223,511
<b>Basic Weighted Average Shares Outstanding (000s)</b>	115,741	114,999
<b>Basic Earnings Per Share (Note 6)</b>	\$ 0.31	\$ 1.94
<b>Diluted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding (000s)</b>	116,327	115,795
<b>Diluted Earnings Per Share (Note 6)</b>	\$ 0.31	\$ 1.93
<b>Dividends Per Share</b>	\$ 0.0925	\$ 0.0875

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



## Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Cash FlowsUnaudited

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(As Restated)</b>	<b>(As Restated)</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 35,997	\$ 223,561
Add (Deduct) adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	182,966	170,141
Bad debts expense	9,075	8,135
Stock-based compensation expense	8,638	1,171
Deferred income taxes	(15,228 )	131,965
Equity earnings of unconsolidated entities	(19,805 )	(14,751 )
Distributions from unconsolidated entities	5,676	1,520
Minority share of income	10,704	5,610
Fair value adjustment of derivative instruments	(30 )	(335,400 )
Gain on investments		(500 )
Noncash interest expense	5,480	5,029
Other noncash expense	1,504	2,467
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Change in accounts receivable	9,164	10,707
Change in materials and supplies	7,546	7,482
Change in accounts payable	(53,405 )	(64,763 )
Change in customer deposits and deferred revenues	5,209	4,911
Change in accrued taxes	47,703	21,868
Change in accrued interest	4,567	3,971
Change in other assets and liabilities	(32,525 )	(33,755 )
	213,236	149,369
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(143,776 )	(133,997 )
Cash paid for acquisitions		(120,924 )
Other investing activities	(1,467 )	(564 )
	(145,243 )	(255,485 )
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Issuance of notes payable	55,000	165,000
Issuance of long-term debt	560	112,588
Repayment of notes payable	(105,000 )	(60,000 )
Repayment of long-term debt	(748 )	(110,510 )
Repayment of medium-term notes	(35,000 )	(17,200 )
TDS Common Shares and Special Common Shares issued for benefit plans	3,080	6,684
U.S. Cellular Common Shares issued for benefit plans	3,858	6,836
Capital (distributions) to minority partners	(4,146 )	
Dividends paid	(10,749 )	(10,122 )
Other financing activities	1,207	131
	(91,938 )	93,407
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	(23,945 )	(12,709 )

**Cash and Cash Equivalents -**

Beginning of period	1,095,791	1,171,105
End of period	\$ 1,071,846	\$ 1,158,396

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## Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Balance SheetsAssetsUnaudited

	March 31, 2006 (As Restated) (Dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2005 (As Restated)
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,071,846	\$ 1,095,791
Accounts receivable		
Due from customers, less allowance of \$11,805 and \$15,200, respectively	329,084	332,278
Other, principally connecting companies, less allowance of \$6,806 and \$5,620, respectively	141,944	157,182
Materials and supplies, at average cost	96,359	103,211
Prepaid expenses	49,363	41,746
Deferred income tax asset	13,434	13,438
Other current assets	32,874	34,774
	1,734,904	1,778,420
<b>Investments</b>		
Marketable equity securities	2,559,507	2,531,690
Licenses	1,364,836	1,365,063
Goodwill	882,486	882,168
Customer lists, net of accumulated amortization of \$50,313 and \$44,616, respectively	41,952	47,649
Investments in unconsolidated entities	232,953	217,180
Other investments, less valuation allowance of \$55,144 in both periods	12,044	12,274
	5,093,778	5,056,024
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
In service and under construction	7,252,589	7,131,977
Less accumulated depreciation	3,754,353	3,602,217
	3,498,236	3,529,760
<b>Other Assets and Deferred Charges</b>		
	55,259	55,830
	\$ 10,382,177	\$ 10,420,034

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## Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Balance SheetsLiabilities and Stockholders EquityUnaudited

	March 31, 2006 (As Restated) (Dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2005 (As Restated)
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 203,124	\$ 237,948
Notes payable	85,000	135,000
Accounts payable	306,530	359,934
Customer deposits and deferred revenues	131,663	126,454
Accrued interest	33,513	28,946
Accrued taxes	80,380	46,061
Accrued compensation	45,866	67,443
Other current liabilities	73,676	63,539
	959,752	1,065,325
<b>Deferred Liabilities and Credits</b>		
Net deferred income tax liability	1,330,258	1,337,716
Derivative liability	454,049	449,192
Asset retirement obligation	194,642	190,382
Other deferred liabilities and credits	113,669	107,924
	2,092,618	2,085,214
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>		
Long-term debt, excluding current portion	1,633,268	1,633,519
Forward contracts	1,711,813	1,707,282
	3,345,081	3,340,801
<b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>		
<b>Minority Interest in Subsidiaries</b>	555,559	546,833
<b>Preferred Shares</b>	3,863	3,863
<b>Common Stockholders Equity</b>		
Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 100,000,000 shares; issued 56,502,000 and 56,481,000 shares, respectively	565	565
Special Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 165,000,000 shares, issued 62,887,000 and 62,868,000 shares, respectively	629	629
Series A Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 25,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 6,446,000 and 6,440,000 shares; respectively	64	64
Capital in excess of par value	1,834,516	1,828,634
Treasury Shares, at cost:		
Common Shares, 5,071,000 and 5,105,000 shares, respectively	(207,524 )	(208,156 )
Special Common Shares 5,105,000 and 5,128,000 shares, respectively	(209,421 )	(210,600 )
Accumulated other comprehensive income	378,006	363,641
Retained earnings	1,628,469	1,603,221
	3,425,304	3,377,998

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\$	10,382,177	\$	10,420,034
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**TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

**Restatement**

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- Expense reclassifications - Certain prior period amounts, primarily labor, maintenance, rent and utilities expenses at the competitive local exchange carriers ( CLEC ), previously reported in selling, general and administrative expense have been corrected to properly reflect the classification of the expenses in cost of service and products in the current period. Certain expenses, primarily universal service costs, at both the incumbent local exchange carriers ( ILEC ) and the CLEC previously reported in cost of service and products have been adjusted to properly reflect the classification of the expenses in selling, general and administrative expense. For the ILEC, cost of services and products decreased by \$2.7 million and \$1.7 million with a corresponding increase in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. For the CLEC, cost of services and products increased by \$5.4 million and \$5.8 million with a corresponding decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. On a TDS consolidated basis, cost of services and products increased by \$2.7 million and \$4.1 million with a corresponding decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The adjustments did not affect previously reported revenues, operating income or net income.
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- Contracts with maintenance and support services U.S. Cellular entered into certain equipment and software contracts that included maintenance and support services. In one case, U.S. Cellular did not properly allocate expenditures between equipment purchases and maintenance and support services. In other cases, U.S. Cellular did not properly record fees for maintenance and support services over the specified term of the agreement. The restatement adjustments properly record property, plant and equipment, related depreciation expense and fees for maintenance and support services in the correct periods.
- Classification of Asset Retirement Obligation on the Statement of Cash Flows The additions to property, plant and equipment and other deferred liabilities representing additional asset retirement obligations ( ARO ) should be treated as non-cash items in the statement of cash flows. From 2004 through the second quarter of 2006, U.S. Cellular included additional ARO liabilities as a change in other assets and liabilities in cash flows from operating activities and the increase in the ARO asset balance as a capital expenditure in cash flows from investing activities resulting in an overstatement of cash flows from operating activities and an overstatement of cash flows required by investing activities. In the restatement, adjustments were recorded in the statement of cash flows to offset the change in ARO liabilities against the ARO asset. The reduction in the change in other assets and liabilities in cash flows from operating activities and the reduction in additions to property, plant and equipment in cash flows from investing activities totaled \$1.5 million and \$0.7 million in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.



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

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

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

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

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(Increase (decrease) dollars</b>	
	<b>in thousands)</b>	
Income Before Income Taxes and Minority Interest, as previously reported	\$ 86,093	\$ 46,207
Forward contracts and related derivative instruments	(395 )	335,447
Contracts with maintenance and support services	141	(197 )
Interest income	(4,754 )	
Property, plant and equipment	1,600	(240 )
Other items	(3,642 )	(3,646 )
Total adjustment	(7,050 )	331,364
Income Before Income Taxes and Minority Interest, as restated		