

TELEPHONE & DATA SYSTEMS INC /DE/  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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