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DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO) TO:

- DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (TUDOR, KING) FROM:
- RE: FOR PROVISION OF RELAY SERVICE, BEGINNING IN JUNE 1997, FOR THE HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED, AND OTHER IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS SYSTEM ACT OF 1991
- AGENDA: 08/05/97 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION -INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE
- CRITICAL DATES: -NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\CMU\WP\960598.RCM

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Should Mrs. Rita Slater be named to the Advisory ISSUE 1: Committee?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. (KING)

STAFF ANALYSIS: The Telecommunications Access System Act (TASA) allows the Advisory Committee to consist of up to ten members recommended by various organizations and named to the committee by the Commission.

On June 25, 1997, Dr. Alexander Fleischman, President of the Florida Association of the Deaf Inc. (FAD), submitted a letter (Attachment A, page 3) nominating Mrs. Slater to the Committee. Mrs. Slater fulfills the requirements of section 427.706(1) of the TASA law which addresses the necessary characteristics and qualifications one must have to become an Advisory Committee member. Accordingly, staff recommends that Mrs. Slater be named to the Advisory Committee to replace Ms. Julia Mayes.

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING DOCKET NO. 960598-TP DATE: July 24, 1997

ISSUE 2: Should Docket No. 960598-TP be closed?

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> No. (MILLER)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Docket 960598-TP should remain open for the duration of the current contract with MCI.

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Docket No. 960598-TP July 24, 1997

ATTACHMENT A Florida Association of the

DEAF INC.

Organized 1917

Chartered 1951 A non-profit organization for the welfare and advancement of the Deaf Cooperating Member of The National Association of the Deaf

June 25, 1997

Mr. Richard Tudor: Dir. Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Elvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

Dear Richard:

c/c: Kerek

This will officially inform you that I was re-elected third term president of the above named Association and will resume my capacity as member of the Advisory Committee.

It has been called to my attention that having two representatives from the Deep South on the Advisory Committee is not doing justice to share the relay concerns with the north. Furthermore there is a desire to train other reliable members to succeed the present two.

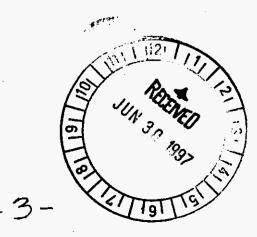
Therefore, I am appointing Mrs. Rita Slater, P.O. Box 860235, St. Augustine, FL 32086-0235. She is a retired teacher at the Florida School for the Deaf/Blind of that city.

I trust that the change is acceptable to you and that she will be put on the mailing list to receive reports, etc from PSC.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Alexander Fleischman President



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