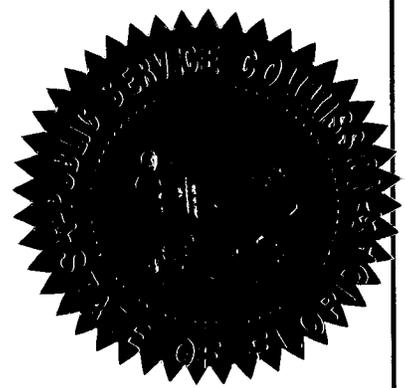


BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 040763-TP

In the Matter of

REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR
RELAY SERVICE, BEGINNING IN JUNE 2005,
FOR THE HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED, AND
OTHER IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS IN COMPLIANCE
WITH THE FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS
SYSTEM ACT OF 1991.



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PROCEEDINGS: AGENDA CONFERENCE
 ITEM NO. 3

BEFORE: CHAIRMAN LISA POLAK EDGAR
 COMMISSIONER MATTHEW M. CARTER, II
 COMMISSIONER KATRINA J. MCMURRIAN
 COMMISSIONER NANCY ARGENZIANO
 COMMISSIONER NATHAN A. SKOP

DATE: Tuesday, May 8, 2007

TIME: Commenced at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
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3 appearing on behalf of FTRI.

4 LEE ENG TAN, ESQUIRE and PAT WIGGINS, ESQUIRE,
5 appearing on behalf of the Commission Staff.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Item 3.

MR. CASEY: Good morning, Commissioners. Bob Casey on behalf of staff.

Item Number 3 addresses the 2007/2008 Florida Telecommunications Relay budget. Florida has the second highest percentage of population for deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf/blind in the United States. There are nearly 3 million Floridians who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. FTRI administers the specialized telecommunications equipment distribution program for these citizens to enable them to receive telecommunications service equivalent to the service provided to hearing persons. FTRI is also responsible for the education and promotion of the Florida Relay Service.

Staff is recommending that FTRI's 2007/2008 budget be approved and the relay surcharge be reduced from the current 15 cents per month to 11 cents per month. Staff also recommends that the Commission order the incumbent local exchange companies, competitive local exchange companies, and shared tenant providers to begin billing the modified surcharge beginning July 1st, 2007.

Mr. James Forstall, Executive Director of FTRI, and Mr. Doc Horton, legal counsel for FTRI, are here this morning to support staff's recommendation and to answer any questions the Commissioners may have. Staff is also prepared to answer

1 any questions.

2 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Thank you, Mr. Casey.

3 Mr. Horton.

4 MR. HORTON: Thank you, Madam Chairman.

5 Norman H. Horton, Jr. on behalf of Florida
6 Telecommunications Relay, and with me is Mr. James Forstall,
7 the Executive Director. We are just here -- we endorse the
8 recommendation. We're just here to answer questions, if you
9 have any.

10 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Commissioners, any questions on
11 Item 3?

12 Commissioner Carter.

13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Madam Chairman, just a comment.
14 This is an issue that is near and dear to my heart. My nephew
15 is a graduate from the Florida School for Deaf and Blind in
16 St. Augustine, and it is just amazing what people are able to
17 do when they are given an opportunity.

18 And a lot of his classmates and a lot of his friends
19 have the opportunity to talk to him on the phone. This process
20 is as you are speaking the person on the other end is like
21 Jane, she is typing it down. Speak slowly so I can type it
22 down.

23 It is just a tremendous opportunity for us to be a
24 blessing to people for whatever reason. They may have some
25 issues, but I tell you something, my nephew can operate the bus

1 system better than any bus up here, so it is a great
2 opportunity for us to show that we are concerned about the less
3 and the least of Florida.

4 But, more importantly, and I'm so happy to have
5 Senator Argenziano here. I'll be probably be calling you
6 Senator for awhile, since you were my Senator for so many
7 years, but these are the kind of issues that you have talked
8 about for so many years, and I think it's a very important
9 matter. And at the appropriate time, Madam Chairman, I will
10 move staff recommendation. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Thank you, Commissioner.

12 Commissioners, any comments, or further questions, or
13 discussion? Seeing none, Commissioner Carter for a motion.

14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Move staff.

15 COMMISSIONER McMURRIAN: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Seeing no further discussion, all in
17 favor say aye.

18 (Unanimous affirmative vote.)

19 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Opposed?

20 Show it adopted. Thank you.

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