

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Item number 2, staff.

3 **MR. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good
4 morning, Commissioners. Curtis Williams on behalf of
5 staff.

6 Item 2 addresses Florida Telecommunications
7 Relay, Incorporated's 2014/2015 proposed budget. Staff
8 recommends that FTRI's projected revenues of 8.5 million
9 and their projected expenses of 8.2 million be approved,
10 and the relay surcharge be maintained at 11 cents per
11 month per access line.

12 The recommended budget before you today
13 includes a decrease in expenses of approximately
14 1.9 million from the 2013/2014 Commission-approved
15 budget.

16 James Forstall, the Executive Director for
17 FTRI, and Doc Horton, their legal counsel, is here to
18 answer questions. Thank you.

19 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Thank you, Mr. Williams.

20 Commissioner Brown.

21 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 And I wanted to talk to FTRI -- and you don't
23 necessarily have to come up to the bench -- but I wanted
24 to acknowledge you. And you've been coming to us for a
25 number of years -- for me, four years -- and I've been

1 particularly cognizant of the steady decline of the
2 traditional relay services; so, hence, I've been
3 maybe -- may have appeared a little critical of the
4 budget and the costs associated therewith.

5 But I will tell you that I would like to
6 commend you for coming to the table for the past two
7 years. You have not tapped into the surplus. You've --
8 it is apparent that you've continued to cut costs while
9 not impeding services. So I'd like to thank you very
10 much for that. And I appreciate your efforts with
11 staff, and also acknowledge staff's efforts to really
12 stay on top of this and be diligent. And, again, thank
13 you. Great efforts. Thanks for all that you've done.

14 With that, I would move that item.

15 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** It's been moved and
16 seconded, staff's recommendation on Item Number 2. Any
17 further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

18 (Vote taken.)

19 Any opposed? By your action you've approved
20 staff recommendation on Item Number 2.

21 (Agenda item concluded.)
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