

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 2

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**Docket No. 20140029-TP** – Request for submission of proposals for relay service, beginning in June 2015, for the deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind, or speech impaired, and other implementation matters in compliance with the Florida Telecommunications Access System Act of 1991.

**Issue 1:** Should the Commission approve FTRI’s proposed budget as presented in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated June 29, 2017, for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, effective September 1, 2017, and should the Commission reduce the current Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) surcharge from \$0.11 per month to \$0.10 per month?

**Recommendation:** No. Staff recommends that the Commission reduce FTRI’s proposed budget expenses for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 by \$81,954 for Regional Distribution Center (RDC) expenses and by \$36,000 for Legal expenses as presented in Option 1. Staff recommends that the Commission order the incumbent local exchange companies, competitive local exchange companies, and shared tenant providers to discontinue billing the \$0.11 monthly surcharge, and bill the \$0.10 surcharge for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, effective September 1, 2017. Staff also recommends that the Commission order FTRI to require detailed, itemized bills from its legal counsel and conduct in-house analyses for Insurance-Health/Life/Disability and Retirement expenses. Staff recommends that FTRI be ordered to provide the results of its analyses to staff by January 31, 2018.

*option 1*

**APPROVED**

**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** All Commissioners

**COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES**

**MAJORITY**

**DISSENTING**

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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

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**Issue 2:** Should the Commission approve the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Bradin to the TASA Advisory Committee effective immediately?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Bradin to the TASA Advisory Committee effective immediately.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 3:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** No. A Consummating Order should be issued for Issue 1, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Commission's decision files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the proposed agency action. The docket should remain open to address all matters related to relay service throughout the life of the current Sprint contract.

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