

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 1

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Docket No. 20190057-TP – Commission approval of Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.'s fiscal year 2019/2020 proposed budget.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.'s (FTRI) proposed budget as presented in Attachment A of staff's memorandum dated May 30, 2019, for Fiscal Year 2019/2020, effective August 1, 2019, and should the Commission maintain the current Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) surcharge at \$0.10 per month?

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission reduce FTRI's proposed budget expenses for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 by \$2,300 for Voice Carry-Over/Hearing Carry-Over-Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (VCO/HCO-TDD) Equipment, \$2,592 for Audio Ringer (ARS) Equipment, and \$4,767 for ~~Video~~ Relay Service (VRS) Equipment. Staff also recommends that the Commission allow FTRI to transfer \$285,714 from the Reserve Account to offset a projected revenue shortfall. Staff recommends that the Commission order all local exchange companies to continue billing the \$0.10 surcharge for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Visual Ring Signaler

APPROVED AS MODIFIED BY ORAL MODIFICATION

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

Oral Modification, assigned PN 0432-2019, is attached.

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

APPROVED

Brian Schultz

From: Asha Maharaj-Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Braulio Baez; Cayce Hinton; Mark Futrell; Curtis Williams; Greg Fogleman; Charles Murphy; Apryl Lynn; CLK - Agenda Staff; Adam Teitzman; Keith Hetrick; Mary Anne Helton; Cindy Muir; Commissioners & Staffs
Cc: Kate Hamrick; Jacqueline Moore; Nancy Harrison
Subject: RE: Oral Modification - Item 1 (Docket No. 20190057-TP)

Please see the approval for an Oral Modification request to Item 1 on the June 11th, Agenda.

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Subject: Re: Oral Modification - Item 1 (Docket No. 20190057-TP)

Approved. Thanks.

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Subject: Oral Modification - Item 1 (Docket No. 20190057-TP)

Staff requests approval to make an oral modification to Item 1 on the June 11, 2019 Agenda, staff's recommendation in Docket No. 20190057-TP. The oral modification will correct a scrivener's error resulting from a non-standard use of the abbreviation VRS in FTRI's budget filing. The edits will replace "Video Relay Service (VRS)" and "VRS" with the intended phrase "Visual Ring Signaler" in certain paragraphs.

Staff's proposed oral modification is as follows:

Page 4, Recommendation Statement

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- ~~Video Relay Service (VRS)~~ Visual Ring Signaler Equipment ¶

VRS Visual Ring Signaler Equipment ¶

FTRI's proposed budget is \$12,500, which is an increase of \$4,767 over the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Commission approved budget. In response to staff's data request, FTRI explained that it is requesting the increase to conduct a pilot program with the more advanced Bellman-Symfon device to measure consumer interest prior to deciding whether to include it in the program on a permanent basis. The device is multifunctional and uses newer technology. One function allows a user to control the unit plugged directly into the phone or by transmitter alerting the user of a ring if the unit is in another room. FTRI's proposed budget is for 100 units based on its estimated demand for ~~VRS~~ Visual Ring Signaler equipment. ¶

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the pilot program be reduced until FTRI obtains greater insight into consumer demand and product quality. Staff recommends that the Commission maintain the budget at the current Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Commission approved budgeted amount of \$7,733. Staff believes that the difference between this amount and last year's approved budget will be sufficient for FTRI to evaluate the demand for the Bellman-Symfon device. Staff recommends that FTRI's proposed budget for ~~VRS~~ Visual Ring Signaler equipment be reduced by \$4,767. ¶

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