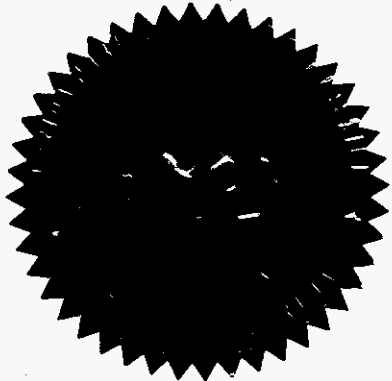


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In the Matter of	:	DOCKET NO. ⁹⁶ 950598-TP
Request for submission of	:	
proposals for provision of	:	
relay service, beginning in	:	
June 1997, for the hearing	:	
and speech impaired, in	:	
compliance with the	:	
Florida Telecommunications	:	
Access System Act of 1991.	:	



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 ITEM NO. 3

BEFORE: CHAIRMAN SUSAN F. CLARK
 COMMISSIONER J. TERRY DEASON
 COMMISSIONER JULIA L. JOHNSON
 COMMISSIONER DIANE K. KIESLING
 COMMISSIONER JOE GARCIA
 CHAIRMAN SUSAN F. CLARK

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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CHAIRMAN CLARK: Item No. 3.

MR. TUDOR: Commissioners, this item is a little bit unusual for your normal agenda items because it's a contractual matter. Let me give just a very brief history of how we got to where we are today.

The Florida Legislature passed a law in 1991, the Telecommunications Assistance Act, which called for the creation of a program that would provide telecommunications devices for the hearing and speech impaired but in addition provided for a relay program in the state of Florida.

Back in 1992 we contracted with MCI with a five-year contract which will expire this coming May 31st. As a result of that, in order to anticipate that upcoming end of that contract, we issued an RFP back in August. That RFP resulted in proposals that were evaluated by an evaluation team of three Commission Staff members and two of our advisory committee members. The results of that evaluation, as well as the price bids are contained in the recommendation. And based on that process the bidder with the highest number of points was MCI, and we're

1 here today to recommend to you that we recontract with
2 MCI for a three-year period to provide relay service
3 beginning June 1 of 1997. We'd be glad to answer any
4 questions.

5 **CHAIRMAN CLARK:** Questions, Commissioners?

6 **COMMISSIONER GARCIA:** I just wanted to point
7 out for the record that I believe that -- importantly
8 for me, even though I lost on the vote, is that we
9 kept the jobs in Florida, which I'm very pleased with,
10 and the fact is that the new contract produces
11 \$1.4 million in savings potentially. So I want to
12 thank competition, but I guess I have to thank MCI for
13 such a positive bid and I think it's good for the
14 whole state and I want to thank Staff who worked on
15 this.

16 **COMMISSIONER DEASON:** If that's a motion,
17 I'll second.

18 **COMMISSIONER GARCIA:** It precisely is.

19 **CHAIRMAN CLARK:** Without objection, that
20 motion is approved.

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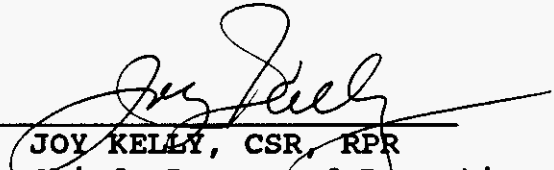
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