

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Request for Submission )  
Of Proposals for Relay Service, Beginning )  
in June 2012, 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 )

Docket No. 110013-TP

In the Matter of Request for Submission )  
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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 )

Docket No. 140029-TP

Filed: November 26, 2014

**JOINT MOTION FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EARLY TRANSITION OF  
RELAY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM AT&T TO SPRINT**

COME NOW AT&T Corp. (“AT&T”) and Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership (“Sprint”) (collectively, “Joint Movants”) pursuant to Sec. 427.704(3), Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code, and respectfully request the Florida Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to approve transition of the Telecommunications Relay Services (“TRS”) and CapTel providers in Florida from AT&T to Sprint effective March 3, 2015. In order to ensure sufficient time to prepare for and coordinate early transition, the parties request the Commission to hear this Motion during its December 18, 2014 Agenda Conference. In support, AT&T and Sprint respectfully show as follows:

1. AT&T currently is Florida's TRS provider. The Commission awarded AT&T the Florida TRS contract on February 14, 2012, in Docket No. 110013-TP, for a period commencing on June 1, 2012, and ending May 31, 2015.

2. The Commission voted to award to Sprint the successor TRS contract on October 2, 2014, in Docket No. 140029-TP, for a period commencing on June 1, 2015 and ending on May 31, 2018.

3. The Joint Movants seek to transition the Florida TRS and CapTel provider business from AT&T to Sprint three months earlier than provided in the parties' contracts. Because AT&T is in the process of exiting the TRS line of business nationwide, the Joint Movants request that Sprint's first day of service as the new Florida TRS provider begin approximately ninety (90) days early, on March 3, 2015.

4. Specifically, the parties propose that AT&T's existing contract would terminate effective March 2, 2015, and that Sprint's successor contract would become effective on March 3, 2015. Although the rates payable under the new Sprint TRS contract are higher than the rates payable to AT&T under the current contract, Sprint would provide service at the lower AT&T rates from March 3, 2015 through May 31, 2015, thus keeping the Commission and citizens of Florida whole. AT&T would reimburse Sprint for the difference between the respective rates in a method and manner to be determined by the parties. Beginning June 1, 2015 and continuing thereafter, Sprint would charge and receive payment of the contractual rates for TRS and CapTel service per contract as established in Docket No. 140029-TP, and AT&T would cease reimbursement to Sprint.

5. The requested early transition is well within the Commission's authority. Sprint was duly selected as the state's next TRS provider in Docket No. 140029-TP, pursuant to Section 407.704(3), Florida Statutes, and it is axiomatic that having entered into a TRS contract with AT&T, the Commission retains authority under Section 427.701, *et seq.*, Florida Statutes, to terminate that agreement.

6. The Joint Movants' request serves the public interest by facilitating the more efficient administration of TRS and CapTel services in the state and permitting the newly chosen provider to begin providing service as soon as possible. Sprint is the nation's largest and most experienced TRS provider, and was Florida's TRS provider for many years, from 2000 through mid-2012. Commission approval of the request will also permit AT&T to take advantage of certain synergies associated with a swifter nationwide exit from this line of business, while ensuring that Florida's citizens receive TRS service from a provider that remains fully engaged in and committed to provision of reliable and state-of-the-art telecommunications relay service.

WHEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, the Joint Movants respectfully move that the Commission:

- a) approve the early transition of Florida TRS and CapTel service providers from AT&T to Sprint as described herein; and
- b) order such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

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