

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Telecommunications Access)	DOCKET NO. 910496-TP
System Act of 1991.)	ORDER NO. 25038
_____)	ISSUED: 9/10/91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

- THOMAS BEARD, Chairman
- SUSAN CLARK
- J. TERRY DEASON
- BETTY EASLEY
- MICHAEL MCK. WILSON

ORDER APPROVING PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL PLAN
AND PROCEDURES AND PROPOSED INTERIM BUDGET
OF FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS
RELAY, INC. (FTRI)

BY THE COMMISSION:

BACKGROUND

The Telecommunications Access System Act of 1991 (Chapter No. 91-111, Laws of Florida) became effective May 24, 1991. By Order No. 24462, issued May 1, 1991, the Commission ordered certain actions in anticipation of finalization of the Act. Section 427.704(2), Florida Statutes, creates an Administrator of the Telecommunications Access System. It is established statutorily as a not-for-profit corporation. In the order, the Commission required the local exchange telephone companies to organize a nonprofit corporation consistent with the legislation to serve as Administrator.

In addition, the Commission required the Administrator to submit by June 14, 1991, an operational plan and procedures covering certain itemized areas. Finally, the Order stated that the Commission would review the proposed operational plan and procedures, and make whatever changes it deems necessary. The Order also stated that, "after the Administrator has been in operation for a period of time, the Commission will later propose rulemaking to supplement or supersede this interim plan." Thus, there was an express recognition in the Order of the temporary nature of the plans to be approved.

The Administrator, now established as Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc., filed a preliminary operational plan and procedures June 28, 1991, and filed a supplement to the

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operational plan and procedures and six-month budget August 13, 1991. At the August 27 Agenda, the Commission voted to accept the budget as an interim one until a permanent budget could be established. A more final budget would be submitted October 31. There was a recognition by the Commission that without the interim budget it would be difficult for the Administrator to expend the start-up monies in an approved manner, even though it may not be the finally approved manner.

The Commission voted that the preliminary operational plan and procedures and proposed interim budget of the Administrator be approved for the six-month interim period of July 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991, with the exception that entertainment expenses be eliminated from the budget and that Policy 3.02(c) of the proposed Employee Business Expense policy which allows entertainment expenses to be paid out of the operating fund be eliminated. Further, the Commission voted that a proposed final operational plan and procedures and budget of the Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. be filed by October 31, 1991, for Commission review and approval for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. At that time, the Commission would like to see workload statistics such as the number of TDD devices the Administrator plans to buy, and the price per unit of the devices.

In addition, the Commission named the following new Advisory Committee members at the July 30 Agenda: Courtney R. Kelley, on behalf of the Florida Language, Speech and Hearing Association; Doc Horton, on behalf of the local exchange companies, to replace Bill Feaster on the Committee.

Therefore, based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Administrator's interim operational plans and procedures, and interim budget are approved with the above-noted exceptions. It is further

ORDERED that the Administrator should file by October 31, 1991, a proposed final budget and policies and procedures for Commission review for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. It is further

ORDERED that the above persons are named to the Advisory Committee.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this
10th day of SEPTEMBER, 1991.

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