

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for submission of proposals for relay service, beginning in June 2005, for the hearing and speech impaired, and other implementation matters in compliance with the Florida Telecommunications Access System Act of 1991.

DOCKET NO. 040763-TP  
ORDER NO. PSC-05-1202-PAA-TP  
ISSUED: December 6, 2005

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

BRAULIO L. BAEZ, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY  
LISA POLAK EDGAR  
ISILIO ARRIAGA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION  
ORDER APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

The Telecommunications Access System Act of 1991 (TASA), Section 427.701, Florida Statutes, established a statewide telecommunications relay system. This system provides telecommunications service for hearing impaired persons functionally equivalent to the service provided to hearing persons.

Section 427.706, Florida Statutes, provides for up to 10 members of an advisory committee that assists this Commission with the implementation of the relay system. As a result of a resignation by a member of the advisory committee, there is need to appoint a replacement member.

We are vested with authority in this matter under Chapter 427, Florida Statute.

Section 427.706(1)(f), Florida Statutes, requires that one person with experience in providing relay services and recommended by the Deaf Service Center Association (DSCA) be on the Advisory Committee. Mr. Rick Kottler, President of the DSCA has served as that

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committee member. However, Mr. Kottler is resigning as a committee member and recommends that Ms. Julie Church of DSCA take his place. Ms. Church is the Vice President of DSCA, Executive Director of the Deaf and Hearing Connection for Tampa Bay and is on the Coordinating Council representing Parents of Deaf Children. Her experience would assure the continuation of the high standard of competence of the Advisory Committee.

Accordingly, we approve Ms. Julie Church as an Advisory Committee member to replace Mr. Rick Kottler effective October 20, 2005.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Ms. Julie Church be appointed as an Advisory Committee member to replace Mr. Rick Kottler effective October 20, 2005. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 6th day of December, 2005.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of the Commission Clerk  
and Administrative Services

By: Kay Flynn  
Kay Flynn, Chief  
Bureau of Records

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing that is available under Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on December 27, 2005.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this/these docket(s) before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.