

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for submission of proposals for relay service, beginning 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
ORDER NO. PSC-16-0281-PCO-TP
ISSUED: July 21, 2016

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIE I. BROWN, Chairman
LISA POLAK EDGAR
ART GRAHAM
RONALD A. BRISÉ
JIMMY PATRONIS

ORDER APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

Section 427.706, Florida Statutes, provides that we shall appoint an advisory committee of no more than 10 members to assist this Commission with the implementation of Florida's relay system. The advisory committee provides the expertise, experience, and perspective of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired to the Commission and the administrator during all phases of the development and operation of the telecommunications access system. The advisory committee advises this Commission and the system administrator, Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc., on the quality and cost-effectiveness of the telecommunications devices distribution system.

We have jurisdiction in this matter under Chapter 427, Florida Statutes.

Mr. Tom D'Angelo and Mr. Tim Wata were nominated for appointment to the TASA Advisory Committee by the Florida Association of the Deaf. They will replace Mr. Jon Ziev and Mr. Louis Schwarz, who both resigned their positions on the TASA Advisory Committee as representatives for the Florida Association of the Deaf.

Mr. D'Angelo has over 15 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. Mr. D'Angelo's previous positions include serving as the Florida Account Manager with Sprint Relay and Outreach Director for Communication Service for the Deaf. Mr. D'Angelo is currently an active member of the Florida Association of the Deaf.

Mr. Wata has vast technical experience in Computer Science. Mr. Wata is currently a Staff Research Engineer with Lockheed Martin Corporation. In addition to volunteering with the Florida Association of the Deaf, Inc., Mr. Wata also has volunteered with the Deaf Service Center of Greater Orlando, Inc., the Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc., and the Florida Rehabilitation Advisory Council.

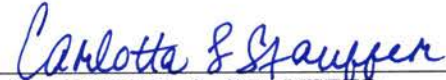
Accordingly, we approve Mr. Tom D'Angelo and Mr. Tim Wata as Telecommunications Access System Act Advisory Committee members effective immediately.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Mr. Tom D'Angelo and Mr. Tim Wata are hereby appointed to the Telecommunications Access System Act Advisory Committee effective immediately. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 21st day of July, 2016.



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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.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.