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August 22, 1996

TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (TUDOR, TAYLOR, KING) *RA*
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL (MILLER) *SM*

RE: DOCKET NO. ~~95002-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

AGENDA: 09/03/96 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: S:\PSC\CMU\WP\95002⁶⁵98A.RCM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr. Donald Brandt, on the recommendation of Ron Opatich, President of The Deaf Service Center Association (DSCA), should be named to the Telecommunications Access System Act (TASA) Advisory Committee, replacing Mr. Steve Bail.

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DOCKET NO. 950698-TP
DATE: August 22, 1996

ISSUE 1: Should Mr. Donald Brandt be named to the Advisory Committee?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes.

STAFF ANALYSIS: TASA allows the Advisory Committee to consist of up to ten members recommended by various organizations and named to the committee by the Commission. Mr. Steve Bail, the incumbent nominee for The Deaf Service Center Association (DSCA), has resigned from that position. Mr. Brandt is the new DSCA nominee and will fill the open position created by Mr. Bail's departure. Mr. Brandt is the Vice President of DSCA.

On July 30, 1996, Ron Ospatich, President/DSCA, responded to staff's inquiry regarding compliance with section 427.706(1) of the TASA law which addresses the necessary characteristics and qualifications one must have to become an Advisory Committee member (Attachment A). TASA requires the DSCA nominee be "one person with experience in providing relay service." Mr. Brandt meets the requirement. Staff recommends that Mr. Brandt be named to the Advisory Committee.

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ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Multiple issues remain to be resolved in this docket. Therefore, it should remain open.

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July 30, 1996

Mr. Richard Tudor
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Division of Communications
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Dear Mr. Tudor:

As the newly elected president of the Deaf Service Center Association, Inc. (DSCA), I am pleased to inform you that we have selected Mr. Donald Brandt as our representative to the Public Service Commission's TASA Advisory Committee. Additionally, Mr. Jerry L. Conner will serve as the alternate representative. I will appreciate your sending all meeting notices, correspondence and other pertinent information directly to them at the addresses listed on the attached page.

Mr. Don Brandt reported to us at our meeting on July 19, 1996 that a representative from the DSCA is also needed on the evaluation committee for the upcoming TASA request for bid and the responses to that RFP. The DSCA has appointed Mr. Jerry L. Conner to serve in that capacity. Please communicate directly with him the schedules and dates for his participation in that group.

For your information also, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the DSCA on July 19, 1996 in Orlando, the DSCA elected the following officers to serve until July 1, 1997. President, Mr. Ron Opatich, Fort Myers; Vice President, Mr. Donald Brandt, Ocala; Secretary, Ms. Rita Beal, Pensacola; and Treasurer, Mr. David Killam, Miami.

I and the DSCA members look forward to working with you throughout this year on all items of mutual interest. All correspondence involving the DSCA, other than the advisory committee activities, should be addressed to me at the above address. Please do not hesitate to call upon me at any time at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,


Ron Opatich, President
Deaf Service Center Association, Inc.

