

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

NOVEMBER 3, 1998

RE: DOCKET NO. 960598-TP - Request for submission of proposal for provision of relay service, beginning in June 1997, for the hearing and speech impaired, and other implementation matters in compliance with the Florida Telecommunications Access System Act of 1991.

Issue 1: Should an electrolarynx device become part of FTRI's equipment distribution program?

Recommendation: No. An electrolarynx should not be included as part of the equipment currently distributed by FTRI. However, the Commission should recommend to the legislature that electrolarynxes should be added to the list of items that can be distributed by the administrator.

**MODIFIED**

*Approved with the clarification that a cost analysis be performed and the issue of adding electrotarynxes to the list of items that can be distributed by the administrator be brought to the attention of the legislature.*

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

*[Handwritten signatures for Majority]*  
Susan Clark  
J. Terry

*[Handwritten signatures for Dissenting]*  
Johnson  
Garcia

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

*Commissioners Johnson and Garcia dissented*

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Alternative Recommendation: Yes. An electrolarynx should be included as part of the equipment currently distributed by FTRI. FTRI should develop a plan for purchasing and distributing electrolarynxes and submit that plan to the Commission staff by January 31, 1999.

# DENIED

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. This docket should remain open until the expiration of the current contract with MCI.

# APPROVED