From: <u>Pamela Paultre</u>

To: <u>Commissioner Correspondence</u>

Subject: Docket no. 110013

Date: Monday, May 20, 2013 10:25:19 AM

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Cathi,

Please place the forwarded or enclosed correspondence in Docket Correspondence of Consumers and their representatives for docket no. 110013.

Thank you,

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The Honorable Ronald A. Brisé Chairman Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850



Dear Chairman Brisé:

Staff has brought to my attention that I may have misspoken during the Agenda this past Tuesday when I said that the FTRI budget was intentionally drawing down the surplus. Although I did not intend to mislead anyone with this statement, I was not clear and to the extent I misspoke, I want to apologize to the Commission and staff for the misstatement. Upon reviewing recent orders, the surplus has been used to maintain the surcharge at 11 cents even though FTRI has noted that a higher surcharge would be necessary and the result of that has been to reduce the surplus.

In 2006, FTRI projected that 9 cents would suffice to meet budget expenses, however, the Commission approved keeping the surcharge at 15 cents in order to prepare to assume responsibility for IP-Relay and VRS intrastate costs. The following year (2007) FTRI prepared a budget keeping the surcharge at 15 cents based on the decision the prior year but the Commission reduced the surcharge to 11 cents which was the amount FTRI projected as needed for the necessary revenue. Beginning with the 2008 submission, FTRI noted that maintaining the surcharge at 11 cents would produce a shortfall but that could be covered by the surplus. In 2010, the Commission maintained the surcharge at 11 cents, recognizing the economic conditions and that an increase would not be in the best interest of Florida citizens. The past three budget submissions FTRI has maintained the status quo for maintaining the surcharge level at 11 cents based on the prior order. The use of the surplus to maintain the surcharge at 11 cents was "intentional" and my statement was not clear and for that I offer my apologies to the Commission and staff.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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cc:

The Honorable Lisa Polak Edgar, Commissioner

The Honorable Art Graham, Commissioner

The Honorable Eduardo E. Balbis, Commissioner

The Honorable Julie Imanuel Brown, Commissioner

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Catherine Potts

From: Ann Cole

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 10:24 AM

To: Office of Commissioner Brisé

Cc: Commissioners Advisors; Administrative Assistants - Commission Suite; Catherine Potts

Subject: RE: Please re-consider your decision and stay with Sprint for Relay

Thank you. This information will be placed in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their

Representatives, for Docket No. 110013-TP.

From: Pamela Paultre On Behalf Of Office of Commissioner Brisé

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 10:14 AM

To: Ann Cole Cc: Baldwyn English

Subject: FW: Please re-consider your decision and stay with Sprint for Relay

Ann.

Please place forwarded message in Docket #110013-TP in Docket Correspondence of Consumers and their representatives.

Thank you,

Pamela Paultre

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From: Kelly Stephens [mailto:kellyjanez@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 9:36 AM

To: Office of Commissioner Brisé

Subject: Please re-consider your decision and stay with Sprint for Relay

Docket No. 110013-TP

Florida Telecommunications Relay Service

Dear Mr. Chairman Ronald A Brise,

As a long time Florida Relay user, I am expressing my concern about your decision to select AT&T as the relay provider for the State of Florida. Sprint Relay has been very good to the community and has provided excellent service to the FL relay users, I dont see any reason why the state should make changes. By changing to a relay provider, this will cause confusion to the customers and will have to be re-educated again and start all over. Why change when nothing is broken. Sprint Relay has been doing great and I have not heard any negative information regarding Sprint Relay at all since I moved here.

Please re-consider your decision and for the benefit of the customers, my friends and family and the deaf and hard of hearing community as a whole, it will be much easier to stay with Sprint and have Sprint continue serving their exemplary services to the Florida relay users. Sprint is, by no question, far more experienced and advanced than AT&T. Again, please dont change something that is already very good to the deaf and hard of community.

Respectfully,

Kelly J. Lange St. Augustine

CONSUMER

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From: Pamela Paultre On Behalf Of Office of Commissioner Brisé

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 9:34 AM

To: Ann Cole

Cc: Baldwyn English

Subject: FW: Florida Telecommunications Relay

Ann,

Please place e-mail below in Docket # 110013-TP in Docket Correspondence of Consumers and their representatives.

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From: JuneMcMahon21@aol.com [mailto:JuneMcMahon21@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2012 3:20 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Brisé

Cc: Rick Moses

Subject: Florida Telecommunications Relay

Mr. Brise and Mr. Moses-

I was disappointed to hear that Sprint did not get the bid for the Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. Sprint has been serving the deaf and hard of hearing community in Florida for over 10 years. They have been supportive of the Florida Association of the Deaf and sponsored our events.

I would urge you to consider your decision about awarding the Florida Telecommunications Relay contract to AT and T.

Thank you.

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