

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 1

VOTE SHEET

May 5, 2015

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Docket No. 140029-TP – 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.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve FTRI’s proposed budget as outlined in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated April 23, 2015, for fiscal year 2015/2016, effective July 1, 2015, and should the Commission maintain the current Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) surcharge of \$0.11 per month?

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Commission approve Option 4 in the analysis portion of staff’s memorandum dated April 23, 2015, which reduces FTRI’s proposed budget by \$851,774. FTRI should determine which individual accounts of Category II, Category III, Category IV, and Category V expenses should be adjusted to equal the Commission-approved decrease. Staff recommends that FTRI re-submit its budget within 30 days of the Commission vote. The revised budget should show adjustments to the individual accounts reflecting the \$851,774 decrease. Staff recommends that staff be granted administrative authority to approve the resubmitted budget as long as it adheres to the Commission’s decision. However, if the revised budget indicates an allocation of funds inconsistent with the purpose and intent of TASA, staff will bring the revised budget back to the Commission for further consideration. Staff also recommends that the TRS surcharge be maintained at \$0.11 per month for fiscal year 2015/2016, effective July 1, 2015. The Commission should order the incumbent local exchange companies, competitive local exchange companies, and shared tenant providers to continue to bill the \$0.11 surcharge for fiscal year 2015/2016, effective July 1, 2015.

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as modified

Approved an increase in monthly relay surcharge of one penny, to be used to offset \$481,960 and the additional amount to go to the budget deficit.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

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DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should the docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. A Consummating Order should be issued, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Commission's decision files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the proposed agency action. The docket should remain open to address all matters related to relay service throughout the life of the current Sprint contract.

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