

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 3

VOTE SHEET

July 10, 2018

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Docket No. 20180099-TP – Commission approval of Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.'s 2018-2019 proposed budget.

**Issue 1:** Should the Commission approve FTRI's proposed budget as presented in Attachment A of staff's memorandum dated June 27, 2018, for Fiscal Year 2018/2019, effective September 1, 2018, and should the Commission maintain the current Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) surcharge at \$0.10 per month?

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Commission reduce FTRI's proposed budget expenses for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 by \$19,823 for legal expense and by \$39,469 for insurance expense. Staff also recommends that the Commission allow FTRI to transfer \$203,746 from the Reserve Account to offset projected expense increases resulting from the new relay contract, and \$57,723 in additional expense primarily related to equipment, employee compensation, and auditing. Staff recommends that the Commission order all local exchange companies to continue billing the \$0.10 surcharge for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Staff further recommends that the Commission order FTRI to continue to require detailed, itemized bills from its legal counsel and to continue in-house analyses for Insurance-Health/Life/Disability and Retirement expenses. Staff recommends that FTRI be ordered to provide updated results of its analyses to staff by January 31, 2019.

*Retirement\* every three years\**

**APPROVED** *with modification to remove the last sentence on Page 10 of staff recommendation.*

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

*\* Oral modification, assigned DN 04599-2018, is attached.*

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**Issue 2:** Should the Commission approve the appointment of Commissioner Margaret Brown to the TASA Advisory Committee effective immediately?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the appointment of Commissioner Margaret Brown to the TASA Advisory Committee effective immediately.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 3:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** Yes. A Consummating Order should be issued for Issue 1, 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 be closed upon issuance of the Consummating Order.

**APPROVED**

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Staff requests approval to make an oral modification to Item 3 on the July 10, 2018 Agenda, Docket No. 20180099-TL, Commission approval of Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.'s 2018-2019 proposed budget. These modifications better clarify staff's recommendation for continued analysis of Insurance and Retirement expenses.

Staff's proposed oral modification is as follows:

### Page 4, Recommendation Statement

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In its proposed 2018/2019 budget, filed on April 16, 2018, FTRI included a budget for insurance of \$192,496, which is an increase of 5.12 percent from Fiscal Year 2017/2018 estimated expenditures. However, FTRI's insurance budget was based on an estimate from its previous insurance provider. Since changing insurance providers, FTRI has provided a revised insurance estimate of \$153,027, a decrease of 16.4 percent from its Fiscal Year 2017/2018 estimated expenditures. Staff recommends that FTRI's proposed Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget line item for insurance be reduced by \$39,469, to the proposed amount of \$153,027 to reflect the updated estimate provided by FTRI. Staff recommends that FTRI continue to conduct in-house analyses for Insurance expense and submit its findings to the Commission **every three years**. Staff recommends that FTRI submit the results of the analyses to staff by January 31, **2019 2021**.

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