

VOTE SHEET

DATE: August 13, 1996

RE: DOCKET NO. 96-1000-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.

Issue 1: Recommendation that the Request for Proposals (RFP) included in staff's July 25, 1996 memorandum be issued.

MODIFIED

Approved with: (1) company must submit an application for a certificate with response to RFP if not already certificated; (2) no communication with Commissioners regarding RFP is allowed; and (3) points will be assigned for having a location in Florida.

Issue 2: Recommendation that this docket remain open.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Handwritten signatures of majority commissioners: Joe J. ... Susan J. Clark, J. Terry Dean, and James K. ...

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

Current Draft

6. Location of Relay Center

The provider shall not be required to physically locate the relay center in the State of Florida. The bidder shall identify the location of the relay center(s) that it plans to utilize to handle Florida relay traffic; if this involves more than one location, the bidder shall identify the locations where relay traffic will be handled, the percentage of traffic it expects initially to handle at each location and how it will decide to allocate the traffic to multiple locations over time.

Throughout the life of the contract, the provider shall provide a written notification to the FPSC whenever it makes a change in the traffic handling plan contained in its bid proposal.

Alternative 1

6. Location of Relay Center

The provider shall not be required to physically locate the relay center in the State of Florida. The bidder shall identify the location of the relay center(s) that it plans to utilize to handle Florida relay traffic; if this involves more than one location, the bidder shall identify the locations where relay traffic will be handled, the percentage of traffic it expects initially to handle at each location and how it will decide to allocate the traffic to multiple locations over time.

The percentage of Florida traffic that will be handled at a Florida located relay center (except when emergency conditions exist at the Florida located relay center) shall be specifically stated in the proposal. Evaluation points will be awarded based on the percentage of Florida traffic handled at the Florida located relay center. A maximum of 100 points shall be awarded if all Florida relay traffic (except in emergency conditions) is handled at a Florida located relay center; if a lesser percentage is handled at a Florida located center, then the number of points shall be equal to the percentage of Florida traffic handled at a Florida located relay center. For example, a bidder proposing a relay service that will handle 75% of Florida's relay traffic in state will receive 75 points. Emergency conditions that would justify handling additional traffic outside the state would include situations such as natural disasters, bomb threat, etc. and would not include traffic spikes.

Throughout the life of the contract, the provider shall provide a written notification to the FPSC whenever it makes a change in the traffic handling plan contained in its bid proposal regarding the percentage of Florida traffic handled outside of the state.

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Alternative 2

6. Location of Relay Center

The provider shall not be required to physically locate the relay center in the State of Florida. The bidder shall identify the location of the relay center(s) that it plans to utilize to handle Florida relay traffic; if this involves more than one location, the bidder shall identify the locations where relay traffic will be handled, the percentage of traffic it expects initially to handle at each location and how it will decide to allocate the traffic to multiple locations over time.

The percentage of Florida traffic that will be handled at a Florida located relay center (except when emergency conditions exist at the Florida located relay center) shall be specifically stated in the proposal. If the bidder proposes to handle 50% or more of the Florida traffic at a Florida located relay center, evaluation points will be awarded based on the percentage of Florida traffic handled at the Florida located relay center; no points will be awarded for handling less than 50% of the Florida traffic in state. For example, if a bidder proposes to handle 40% of Florida traffic in state, no points will be awarded. If a bidder proposes to handle 75% of Florida traffic in state, then 75 points will be awarded. Emergency conditions that would justify handling additional traffic outside the state would include situations such as natural disasters, bomb threat, etc. and would not include traffic spikes.

Throughout the life of the contract, the provider shall provide a written notification to the FPSC whenever it makes a change in the traffic handling plan contained in its bid proposal regarding the percentage of Florida traffic handled outside of the state.