

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 2

VOTE SHEET

May 5, 2016

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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, excluding the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program, for fiscal year 2016/2017, effective July 1, 2016, and should the Commission maintain the current Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) surcharge of \$0.12 per month?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve FTRI’s proposed budget operating revenue of \$7,796,894 and proposed budget expenses of \$7,505,109, excluding the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program, for fiscal year 2016/2017, effective July 1, 2016. Staff recommends that FTRI should be allowed to increase its outreach expenses to pilot a targeted newspaper insert program with data to be filed with its annual budget request indicating the program’s effectiveness.

DEFERRED to June 9, 2016 Commission Conference.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should the Commission approve the appointments of Mr. Tom D'Angelo and Mr. Tim Wata to the TASA Advisory Committee effective immediately?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the appointments of Mr. Tom D'Angelo and Mr. Tim Wata to the TASA Advisory Committee effective immediately.

Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. 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 remain open to address all matters related to relay service throughout the life of the current Sprint contract.