

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Commission approval of Florida
Telecommunications Relay, Inc.'s 2018-2019
proposed budget.

DOCKET NO. 20180099-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-2018-0369-PCO-TP
ISSUED: July 25, 2018

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ART GRAHAM, Chairman
JULIE I. BROWN
DONALD J. POLMANN
GARY F. CLARK
ANDREW GILES FAY

ORDER APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Telecommunications Access System Act of 1991, Section 427.701, Florida Statutes (F.S.), establishes a statewide telecommunications relay system. This system provides telecommunications service for the deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind, or speech impaired persons functionally equivalent to the service provided to hearing persons.

Section 427.706, F.S., provides that we shall appoint an advisory committee of no more than ten members to assist this Commission with the implementation of Florida's relay system. The advisory committee provides the expertise, experience, and perspective of persons who are hard of hearing, or speech impaired to the Commission and the administrator during all phases of the development and operation of the telecommunications access system. The advisory committee advises this Commission and the system administrator, Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc., (FTRI), on the quality and cost-effectiveness of the telecommunications devices distribution system. Members of the committee are not compensated for their services but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses provided through the Florida Public Service Commission's Regulatory Trust Fund.

We have jurisdiction in this matter under Chapter 427, F.S.

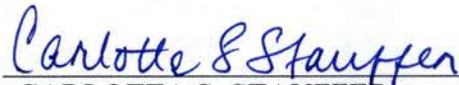
Commissioner Margaret Brown was elected City Commissioner of Weston, Florida, in November of 2016. She is the Regional Executive Director of the Center for Hearing and Communications in Florida, a not-for-profit agency in Broward County, which provides hearing health care, audiological services and advocacy for the hard-of-hearing, deaf, and deaf/blind in South Florida. The Center for Hearing and Communications in Florida is the largest distributor for FTRI, providing specialized telephones for Florida residents with hearing loss. In addition, Commissioner Brown is the current president of the Deaf Service Center Association of Florida and has been serving the association since 2014.

Accordingly, we approve Commissioner Margaret Brown as a Telecommunications Access System Act Advisory Committee member effective immediately.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Commissioner Margaret Brown is hereby appointed to the Telecommunications Access System Act Advisory Committee effective immediately.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 25th day of July, 2018.



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Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.