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**DATE:** MARCH 4, 1999

**TO:** DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

**FROM:** DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (TUDOR, KING) *TK*  
GENERAL COUNSEL (MILLER) *CM*

**RE:** DOCKET NO. 960598-TP - REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FOR PROVISION OF RELAY SERVICE, BEGINNING IN JUNE 1997, FOR THE HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED, AND OTHER IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS SYSTEM ACT OF 1991.

**AGENDA:** 03/16/99 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

**CRITICAL DATES:** NONE

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** NONE

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### DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

**ISSUE 1:** Should Mr. Jim Smith be named to the Telecommunications Access System Act (TASA) Advisory Committee?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes. (King)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** TASA allows the Advisory Committee to consist of up to ten members recommended by various organizations and named to the committee by the Commission.

On February 10, 1999, Ms. Susan Langston, Executive Director of the Florida Telecommunications Industry Association (FTIA),

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submitted a letter (Attachment A, page 3) nominating Mr. Jim Smith to the Committee. Mr. Smith fulfills the requirements of section 427.706(e) of the TASA law which addresses the necessary characteristics and qualifications one must have to become an Advisory Committee member; namely, that he represents an interexchange telecommunications company and is recommended by the Florida Telephone Association (now FTIA). Accordingly, staff recommends that Mr. Smith be named to the TASA Advisory Committee.

**ISSUE 2:** Should this docket be closed?

**RECOMMENDATION:** No. (Miller)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Docket 960598-TP should remain open for the duration of the current contract with MCI.



February 10, 1999

Ms. Laura V. King, Economic Analyst  
Division of Communications  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. King:

With the retirement of Mr. Jack Spooner, the interexchange company representative of the TASA Advisory Committee, the FTIA respectfully submits the following nominee to replace Mr. Spooner on the Advisory Committee:

Mr. Jim Smith, Manager-Government Affairs  
Sprint  
315 S. Calhoun Street, Suite 500  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
850/599-1779 (tel #)  
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If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call me at 877-5141.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Langston  
Executive Director

cc: Jim Smith

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