# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Consideration of The Relay Missouri Fund ) File No. TO-2024-0033

#### ORDER AND NOTICE

Issue Date: August 7, 2023 Effective Date: August 7, 2023

On August 4, 2023, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Open Docket and Staff Memorandum (Motion). Staff asks the Commission to open a file regarding the existing Deaf Relay Service and Equipment Distribution Fund Surcharge. Section 209.259, RSMo 2016, requires the Commission to review the surcharge no less frequently than every two years. It also requires the Commission to order changes in the amount of the surcharge as necessary to assure available funds for the programs supported by that fund.

Staff recommends the Commission seek input about the continued need for the Relay Missouri Fund. The Commission will grant Staff's Motion, and will seek input from interested stakeholders.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Staff's Motion is granted.
- 2. The Data Center shall send a copy of this order to all competitive local exchange carriers and to all incumbent local exchange carriers in Missouri.
- 3. The Data Center shall send a copy of this order to all parties on the service list in File No. TO-2022-0178, which is the file in which the Commission last reviewed the amount of the Relay Missouri surcharge.
  - 4. The Data Center shall send a copy of this order to:

Missouri Assistive Technology 1501 N.W. Jefferson St. Blue Springs, Missouri 64015

Missouri Council of the Blind 5453 Chippewa St. Louis, Missouri 63109

National Federation of the Blind – Missouri Shiela Wright, President 7928 N.W. Milrey Drive Kansas City, Missouri 64152

- 5. Anyone wishing to respond to Staff's Motion shall do so no later than September 7, 2023.
  - 6. This order shall be effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

### STATE OF MISSOURI

#### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION August 7, 2023

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Distributed to all competitive local exchange carriers and to all incumbent local exchange carriers in Missouri

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