

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 7th day of  
June, 2007.

In the Matter of the Review of the Deaf Relay                    )  
Service and Equipment Distribution Fund Surcharge        )     **Case No. TO-2007-0306**

**ORDER ADOPTING RELAY MISSOURI FUND  
REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING FUND SURCHARGE**

Issue Date: June 7, 2007

Effective Date: June 17, 2007

On February 13, 2007, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Motion to Open Case to Review Staff Recommendation. Attached to that Motion was a summary of the Staff's detailed review of the funding of the Deaf Relay Service and Equipment Distribution Fund ("Relay Missouri Fund"). Staff's review was conducted pursuant to 209.259 RSMo 2000. That review is attached hereto as Attachment A.

The Staff reviewed the level of the surcharges, the fund balance, the retention amount that compensates the local telephone companies that collect and remit the surcharges, and the expenditures for Relay Missouri. Staff reviewed the traditional deaf relay service, CapTel service, and distribution of equipment enhancing the use of telecommunications technology by people with disabilities. The Staff analyzed the level of actual fund expenditures and projected fund expenditures based on several scenarios, including the continuation of current trends without other change. Those scenarios, using surcharges from ten to thirteen cents, show a range of fund balances as of September

2008 of (\$4,810,852.73) to \$3,858,081.21. The Commission finds the Staff's review was properly conducted, sufficient and will adopt it.

The Staff notes that while the fund balance is slowly growing, certain contingencies may occur to cause expenditures to drastically increase. The Commission finds that the possibility of under-funding, which may disrupt use of the Missouri Relay program, is more detrimental to the public interest than an increasingly large fund balance. At the time of the next review, if none of the scenarios that will cause an increase in expenditures has come to pass, the surcharge can be decreased to spend down the balance. Therefore the Commission finds that continuation of the surcharge at \$0.13 is appropriate.

Finally, the Staff contacted the companies that collect and remit the surcharge. With the exception of one company that requested an increase, the companies existing stated the retention amount sufficiently compensates companies for collecting and remitting the surcharge. The Commission finds that the current retention amount of one percent or \$30, whichever is greater, is sufficient and shall be maintained unchanged.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Staff review filed with the Commission on February 13, 2007, is adopted.
2. The Relay Missouri surcharge shall be continued at the current rate of \$0.13.
3. The amount retained by local exchange companies shall be continued at one percent or \$30, whichever is greater.
4. This order shall become effective on June 17, 2007.

5. This case may be closed on June 18, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale'.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton  
and Appling, CC., concur.

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge