BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Adoption of Rules for)
the Telecommunications Relay Service)
Assessment Pursuant to Section 4905.84,) Case No. 08-815-TP-ORD
Revised Code, as Enacted by House Bill)
562.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On June 24, 2008, the governor of the state of Ohio signed into law House Bill 562, thereby enacting Section 4905.84, Revised Code. This section provides that the Commission shall, not earlier than January 1, 2009, impose on and collect from each service provider that is required under federal law to provide its customers access to telecommunications relay service (TRS) an annual assessment to pay for the costs incurred by the TRS provider for providing TRS in Ohio. Furthermore, Division (F) of Section 4905.84, Revised Code, provides that the Commission shall adopt rules under Section 111.15, Revised Code, to establish the assessment amounts and procedures.
- (2) Rule 4901:1-6-24(D), Ohio Administrative Code, requires that the most recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) form 477 information be submitted to Commission's staff to be used to determine the assessment amount owed by each provider. Those carriers which do not file a form 477 shall submit to the Commission's staff, on a semi-annual basis, a completed form which contains the number of the provider's retail customer access lines or their equivalent.
- (3) All service providers that, under federal law, are required to provide customer's access to TRS are hereby directed to complete, and to submit to staff, responses to the Telephone Relay Service Reporting Form attached to this entry. Responses are due by April 13, 2009.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That all service providers required to provide TRS to customers comply with finding 3. It is, further,

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ORDERED, That a copy of this entry, with the attached form, be served upon all telephone companies and commercial mobile radio service providers under the Commission's jurisdiction, all interested persons of record in Case No. 03-950-TP-COI, the Ohio Telecom Association, those who filed the Telephone Relay Service Reporting Form under the previous remittance period, and all other interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Telephone Relay Service Reporting Form

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code § 4905.84¹, this form is to be utilized by all service providers that are required under federal law to provide its customers access to TRS, including telephone companies, commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers, and providers of advanced services or internet protocol-enabled services that are competitive with or functionally equivalent to voice-grade, end user access lines. Advanced services and internet protocol-enabled services have the meanings ascribed to them by federal law. Included within these federal regulations are requirements to provide the number of retail customer access lines or their equivalent within Ohio This form is to be submitted using access line or equivalent count data as of December 31, 2008, as reflected on FCC form 477, reported by March 16, 2009, if applicable. Any service provider that does not currently file form 477 should provide the most recent information available. Please submit completed forms to:

Company Information

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attn: Shawn Smith 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

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²The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio may assess a forfeiture of up to \$1,000 for each day's continuance of failure to comply with Section 4905.84 of the Revised Code.