

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND SELECTION)	ADMINISTRATIVE
OF A VENDOR FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	CASE NO. 372
RELAY SERVICE)	

ORDER

The Commission has determined that due to changes in the telecommunications industry, it is necessary to change the administration of the Telecommunications Relay Service ("TRS") and the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) Distribution Program Funds. As the Commission has determined in the past, all incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) and competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) should participate in collection of the fund. Certain resale agreements allow the surcharge to be collected and remitted by the ILEC. However, many CLECs are engaged in both resale and facilities based provision of service; therefore, a CLEC may be responsible for remitting the surcharge for a portion of its lines served. This situation has created confusion in the CLEC community, as well as the Commission s ability to track and ensure that the surcharge is collected and remitted in an equitable manner.

Therefore, the Commission will require that each ILEC and CLEC collect and remit the TRS/TDD Surcharge for the lines that it serves on a retail basis. The surcharge shall not be passed through in resale agreements. In addition, the Commission has developed a form to be used with each remittance. The form and the instructions are attached hereto as Attachment 1. All ILECs and CLECs shall begin using this form beginning August 1, 2002.

The TRS monthly surcharge for the each customer access line shall remain at 6 cents (\$0.06) per month. The surcharge for the TDD distribution program will remain at one cent (\$0.01). As in the past, these items may be shown as a combined charge on a single line of the customer s bill as TRS/TDD Surcharge. The combined charge shall be 7 cents (\$0.07).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that each ILEC and CLEC shall begin using the attached forms for reporting, for all lines served by it on a retail basis, the surcharge for TRS/TDD, beginning August 1, 2002.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 25th day of June, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

Instructions for Completing Kentucky Telecommunication Relay Service and Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf Distribution Program Fund Report

The surcharge rate for the Kentucky Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Fund is six cents (\$0.06) per access line, collected on a monthly basis. The surcharge rate for the Kentucky Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf Distribution (TDD) Program is one cent (\$0.01) per access line, collected on a monthly basis. The combined surcharge is seven cents (\$0.07) per access line, collected on a monthly basis. Following are instructions for completing the form and definitions of the terms on the form.

All Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) are required to collect the surcharge from their customers on a monthly basis. The surcharge should be collected for all local exchange access lines. Local exchange access lines are defined for this purpose as facilities which provide access to and from the telecommunications network for toll service and for local calling with the exception of Coin, WATS, remote call forwarding, radio common carriers, interlata foreign exchange lines, private line services, mobile, other common carriers, and company official accounts. Each carrier should collect the surcharge from the customers it serves on a retail basis; wholesale accounts should not be charged the surcharge. The combined surcharge should appear on each customer s bill as Kentucky TRS/TDD Surcharge or a similar facsimile.

Carriers may contribute to the fund on a monthly or quarterly basis depending on the number of subscribers served. Carriers with less than 1,000 access lines may contribute on a quarterly basis. Carriers with greater than 1,000 access lines should continue to contribute on a monthly basis. Carriers contributing on a quarterly basis will still be required to submit separate reports for each month but remit them to the fund on a quarterly basis. Reports are due within 15 days following the reporting month.

Form Instructions

Please complete the carrier information at the top of the form; include company name, address, telephone/fax number, utility ID number, date report filed and month for reporting data. Please circle your company designation.

Block 3, Monthly Access Line Data

Line 1, this is the total number of access lines in service for the month.

Line 2, the amount of the surcharge is provided.

Line 3, this should be equal to line 1 multiplied by line 2.

Line 4, the amount of the surcharge is provided

Line 5, this should be equal to line 1 multiplied by line 4.

Signature Block

Please date and print the name and title of the company official and sign the form. A company official may be an officer, controller or other responsible person designated to be held accountable for the information submitted on the form.

Please note the two addresses at the bottom of the form and mail within 15 days after the reporting month. Utilities failing to file reports will be subject to penalties in accordance with KRS 278.990.



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE FUND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES FOR THE DEAF DISTRIBUTION FUND

Date _____

Reporting Month _____

Carrier Information

Company Name	_____
Company Address	_____
Telephone / Fax	_____
Utility ID Number	_____

Classification
Please Circle One ILEC CLEC

Monthly Access Line Data

1.	Total Access Lines in Service	_____
2.	TRS Surcharge Per Access Line.	_____ \$0.06 _____
3.	Amount of TRS Surcharge Remitted to Fund ..	_____
4.	TDD Surcharge Per Access Line	_____ \$0.01 _____
5.	Amount of TDD Surcharge Remitted to Fund	_____

Signature Block

I hereby attest that the information reported herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Company Official _____ Title _____ Company Official _____
(Printed) (Signed)

Make check payable to: Kentucky
State Treasurer and send with this
report to:
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