

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

DOCKET NUMBER: 1990-UA-156

IN RE: DUAL PARTY RELAY SERVICE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE SURCHARGE

AMENDED ORDER

THIS DAY, this cause came on before this Commission, upon its own motion, concerning the monthly maintenance surcharge collected by local exchange companies (“LECs”) and competitive local exchange companies (“CLECs”) from all residential and business local exchange access facilities and transferred to the Dual Party Relay Service Trust Fund (“the Fund”) on a monthly basis. The Fund was established and is invested and managed for the exclusive purpose of fulfilling the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-501, et. seq., as amended (“the Statute”), as same relates to a statewide program to provide telephone access to persons who are speech and hearing impaired.

This Commission is authorized by the Statute to impose upon all LECs and CLECs operating in Mississippi a monthly surcharge in an amount to be determined by this Commission based upon the amount of funding necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Statute including the provision of Dual Party Relay Service. The Statute further requires LECs and CLECs to collect said surcharge from its customers and transfer said monies collected to the Fund.

Pursuant to its duty under the Statute, this Commission, by its Order dated March 15, 2007, in Docket Number 1990-UA-156, directed all LECs and CLECs operating in Mississippi to collect a three cent (\$0.03) monthly surcharge on each residential and business local exchange

line for which the Federal End User Common Line Charge is applicable, beginning June 1, 2007. The LECs and CLECs were further directed to transfer the surcharges collected to the Fund on a monthly basis.

This Commission has now been administering the Statute for twenty-two (22) years, and, following careful study, the Commission has determined that the goals established by the Statute including the provision of Dual Party Relay Service will be adequately met by increasing the monthly maintenance surcharge from three cents (\$0.03) to ten cents (\$0.10).

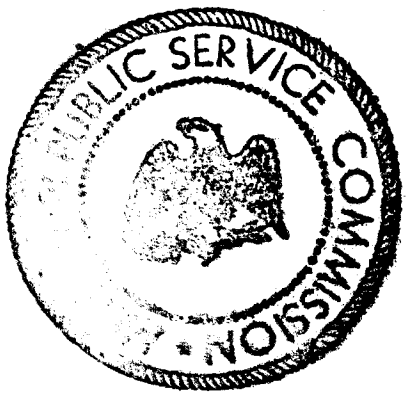
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all LECs and CLECs operating in Mississippi are directed to impose and collect a monthly surcharge on all residential and business local exchange access lines to which the Federal End User Common Line Charge is applicable, in the amount of ten cents (\$0.10) each month per access line instead of three cents (\$0.03). The ten cents (\$0.10) surcharge shall be effective with all bills rendered on or after May 1, 2013, on a billing cycle basis. All LECs and CLECs in this state are directed to continue to transfer the surcharge funds so collected to the Dual Party Relay Services Trust Fund on a monthly basis.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Leonard Bentz voted Aye; Vice Chairman Lynn Posey voted Aye; and Commissioner Brandon Presley voted Aye.

Dated this the 9th day of April, 2013.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Leonard Bentz, Chairman

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Lynn Posey, Vice Chairman

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Brandon Presley, Commissioner

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY:

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Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary

This Order is effective the 9th day of April, 2013.