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Dana Wilson
Federal Communications Commission
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
445 12th Street, S.W., Room 3-C418
Washington, DC 20554

Re: New Jersey TRS State Certification Application

Dear Ms. Wilson:

On August 28, 1991, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) chose to provide statewide Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) in New Jersey. Section 225(f) of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that a state choosing to establish a TRS program provide documentation to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) describing the program for implementing intrastate TRS and the procedures and remedies available for enforcing any requirements imposed by the state program. The ADA provides that the FCC shall certify the state program if it determines that the program makes available to individuals with hearing or speech disabilities intrastate TRS in a manner that meets or exceeds the requirements of regulations prescribed by the FCC in its rules.

The rules, as contained in §64.603, provide that state certification will be granted if documentation:

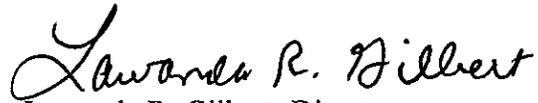
- (1) establishes that the state program meets or exceeds all operational, technical, and functional minimum standards contained in §64.604;
- (2) establishes that the program makes available adequate procedures and remedies for enforcing the requirements of the state program; and
- (3) where a program exceeds the mandatory minimum standards, the state establishes that its program in no way conflicts with federal law.

Based on New Jersey's program meeting all technical, operational and functional minimum standards; the BPU requests FCC certification of the New Jersey Telecommunications Relay Service. Furthermore, the BPU declares that the New Jersey TRS program satisfies the FCC's rules for the provision of State TRS programs and submits documentation to that effect.

In addition to satisfying all certification criteria there is no conflict created with any federal law by the provision of Telecommunications Relay Service in New Jersey.

The BPU stands ready to submit any additional information as may be required for certification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawanda R. Gilbert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Lawanda R. Gilbert, Director
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