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NOTICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES (TRS) CERTIFICATION (CC Docket No. 90-571)

Notice is hereby given that the application for certification of the state Telecommunication Relay Services (TRS) program of the state listed below has been granted, subject to the condition described below, pursuant to Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 47 U.S.C. 225(f)(2), and section 64.605(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.605(b). The Commission will provide further Public Notice of the certification of the remaining applications for certification once review of those states' applications has been completed. On the basis of the states applications, the Commission has determined that:

- (1) the TRS program of the listed state meets or exceeds all operational, technical, and functional minimum standards contained in section 64.604 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.604;
- (2) the TRS programs of the listed state makes available adequate procedures and remedies for enforcing the requirements of the state program; and,
- (3) the TRS program of the listed state in no way conflicts with federal law.

The Commission also has determined that, where applicable, the intrastate funding mechanisms of the listed state are labeled in a manner that promotes national understanding of TRS and does not offend the public, consistent with section 64.605(d) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.605(d).

On May 14, 1998, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that proposes ways to enhance the quality of existing telecommunications relay services (TRS) and expand those services for better use by individuals with speech disabilities. See Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CC Docket No. 98-67, FCC 98-90 (rel. May 20, 1998). Because the Commission may adopt changes to the rules governing relay programs, including state relay programs, the certification granted herein is conditioned on a demonstration of compliance with any new rules ultimately adopted by the Commission. The Commission will provide guidance to the states on demonstrating compliance with such rule changes.

This certification, as conditioned herein, shall remain in effect for a five year period, beginning July 26, 1998, and ending July 25, 2003, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.605(c). One

year prior to the expiration of this certification, July 25, 2002, the state may apply for renewal of its TRS program certification by filing documentation in accordance with the Commission's rules, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.605(a) and (b).

Copies of certification letters are available for public inspection at the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division, Room 235, 2000 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:30 PM) and the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., daily, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

FIFTH NOTICE OF STATES APPROVED FOR CERTIFICATION

File No. TRS-97-03

Applicant: Alabama Public Service Commission

State of: Alabama

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