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NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE (TRS) PROGRAMS CC DOCKET NO. 98-67

Notice is hereby given that the applications for certification of state Telecommunication Relay Services (TRS) programs of the states listed below have been granted, subject to the condition described below, pursuant to Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 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 final review of those states' submissions has been completed. On the basis of the state applications, the Commission has determined that:

- (1) The TRS program of the states meet or exceed 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 states make available adequate procedures and remedies for enforcing the requirements of the state program; and
- (3) The TRS programs of the listed states in no way conflict with federal law.

The Commission also has determined that, where applicable, the intrastate funding mechanisms of the listed states 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).

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 the new rules adopted and any additional new rules that are 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, 2003, and ending July 25, 2008, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.605(c). One year prior to the expiration of this certification, July 25, 2007, the states may apply for renewal of their TRS program certification by filing documentation in accordance with the Commission's rules, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.605(a) and (b).

SECOND GROUP OF STATES APPROVED FOR CERTIFICATION

File No: TRS-51-02
Georgia Public Utilities Commission
State of Georgia

File No: TRS-22-02
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
State of Hawaii

File No: TRS-07-02
Kansas Corporation Commission
State of Kansas

File No: TRS-34-02
Department of Public Utilities
State of Massachusetts

File No: TRS-45-02
New Jersey Board of Utilities
State of New Jersey

File No: TRS-59-02
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
State of Rhode Island

File No: TRS-11-02
South Carolina Budget & Control Board
State of South Carolina

Copies of applications for certification are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The applications for certification are also available on the Commission's web site at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/trs_by_state.html. They may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

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