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## INTERSTATE TRS FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL AND TRS FUND ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDED TRS COST RECOVERY GUIDELINES

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REPLY COMMENTS: January 19,

On November 9, 2000 the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Fund Advisory Council and the TRS Fund Administrator (Advisory Council and Fund Administrator) filed their recommended TRS cost recovery guidelines as required by the *Improved Services Order*.<sup>1</sup> Those recommendations propose methodologies for recovering costs associated with the provision of traditional Telecommunications Relay Service, Speech-to-Speech Service, and Video Relay Service (VRS).

In the March 6, 2000 *Improved Services Order*, the Commission amended the TRS rules to expand the kinds of rely services available to consumers and to improve the quality of TRS. The Commission also required the Advisory Council and Fund Administrator to recommend a cost methodology to cover the additional requirements. In developing their recommendations, the Advisory Council and Fund Administrator recommend, among other things, applying the traditional TRS cost recovery model to each service, but capturing minutes of use and costs separately and establishing separate reimbursement rates.

Interested parties may file comments concerning the cost recovery guidelines on or before January 5, 2000 and reply comments on or before January 19, 2000. All filings must reference **CC Docket 90-571**. Two copies should also be sent to Leslie Selzer, Networks Services Division, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Room 6A-207, Washington DC, 20554.

The Advisory Council and Fund Administrator's Recommended TRS Cost Recovery Guidelines will be

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<sup>1</sup> *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 98-67, 15 FCC Rcd 5140 (2000) (*Improved Services Order*), Order on Reconsideration, FCC 00-200 (rel. June 5, 2000).

available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. It may also be viewed at [https://haifoss.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/prod/ecfs/comsrch\\_v2.hts](https://haifoss.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/prod/ecfs/comsrch_v2.hts), by typing 98-67 in the Proceeding box and 11/09/2000 in the date box. The recommended guidelines may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20<sup>TH</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, telephone 202-857-3800, facsimile 202-857-3805, TTY 202-293-8810.

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