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**SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION CONCERNING THE PAYMENT FORMULA AND FUND
SIZE ESTIMATE FOR THE INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE
FUND FOR JULY 2000 THROUGH JUNE 2001**

CC DOCKET NO. 90-571

Pleading Cycle Established

COMMENTS: December 19, 2000

REPLY COMMENTS: December 26, 2000

On November 2, 2000 the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed a supplemental submission in which it proposes increases to the traditional telecommunications relay service (TRS) and video relay service (VRS) reimbursement rates. It recommends increasing the traditional TRS rate from \$1.282 to \$1.328 per completed interstate conversation minute for the six-month period between January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001. It also recommends increasing the VRS rate from \$5.143 to \$5.539 per completed minute, effective October 2000 through June 30, 2001. No change in the annual funding requirement is anticipated; consequently the carrier contribution factor of 0.00073 has not been revised.

On June 28, 2000, the Commission approved NECA's proposed TRS provider payment formulae and fund size estimate for the period July 2000 through June 2001¹ Subsequent to the June Order, NECA provided TRS providers with the opportunity to update their 2000 and 2001 projected cost data. This permitted service providers to incorporate the impact of the new service requirements established by the Commission's March 6, 2000 *Improved Services Order* in their projections.² The *Improved Services Order* instituted several changes in the provision of telecommunications services for individuals with hearing and speech disabilities including improved TRS standards and the encouragement of Video Relay Services.

Interested parties may file comments concerning this matter on or before December 19, 2000 and reply comments on or before December 26, 2000. All filings must reference **CC Docket 90-571**. Two copies

¹ *Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Fund Administration Fund Size Estimate and Payment Formula, July 2000 Through June 2001)*, CC Docket 90-571, Order, 15 FCC Rcd 11384 (2000).

² *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, CC Docket No 98-67, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 15 FCC Rcd 5140 (2000) (*Improved Services Order*), Order on Reconsideration, FCC 00-200 (rel. June 5, 2000).

should also be sent to Les Selzer, Networks Services Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6A-207, Washington DC, 20554.

The NECA supplemental submission will be 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, by typing 90-571 in the Proceeding box and 11/02/2000 in the date box. The supplement may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20TH Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, telephone 202-857-3800, facsimile 202-857-3805, TTY 202-293-8810.

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