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Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2006

*** Approved by Board February 13, 2007 ***

Board Members Present: Patricia Knapp (Chairperson), Susan Zimmermann (Secretary/Treasurer), John Sutphen, Gregg Collar, Chris Duryea and Debra LaBelle (PSC Staff). Members present via conference circuit were Juliana Janson (Vice-Chairperson) and Garnet Goins.

Others Present: Lou Piazza (TAF Manager) and Angelo Rella (Asst-TAF Manager).

1. Patricia Knapp, Chairperson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded. Lou informed the Board that Charles Brennan provided him with his proxy vote on the first four items of the e-mail agenda.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes of the 8/8/2006 Board meeting. Having no changes a motion was made by John Sutphen to adopt the 8/8/2006 minutes, seconded by Gregg Collar and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. Lou provided a TAF status report. The July - September 2006 Assessment Summaries were presented and he further explained why the lifeline costs for the month of May and June were less than April's (a question asked by Charlie at the last meeting). The Lifeline cost provided to TAF represents estimates submitted by TAF Participants and various companies are projecting less cost recovery due to the actual number of lifeline customers. A motion was made by Susan Zimmermann to approve the status reports as presented, seconded by Gregg Collar and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. Lou provided a TAF Administrative Expense Summary Report for the months of July 2006 thru September 2006. He told the Board that the Treasurer (Susan Zimmermann) reviewed a more detailed summary and Susan reported that everything looked in order and she was satisfied. Lou responded to a question, presented by Debra LaBelle, concerning the TAF Consultant accruals. A motion was made by Susan Zimmermann to approve the expense reports as presented, seconded by John Sutphen and unanimously approved by the Board.
5. Lou informed the Board that the 2007 TAF Administrative budget is still being prepared for presentation to the Pool Board for its approval. Lou will provide a summary of the budget to the TAF Board as he has done in the past and set up a conference call meeting if one is required.

6. A tentative 2007 Board meeting schedule was distributed and discussed. The only request was that the 2/13/2007 meeting be a conference call meeting. There was no objection to that request. A motion was made by Gregg Collar to approve the meeting schedule as presented, seconded by Chris Duryea and unanimously approved by the Board.
7. Lou provided a status on the Telephone Relay Service (TRS). Lou informed the Board there was a Relay Advisory Board meeting on October 6th in Syracuse and that various relay items we discussed.

The PSC Order approving and authorizing the use of Caption Telephone Service (see note below) to be added to the existing NY Relay Services, effective January 2007 was discussed. Since this service will meet all of the PSC requirements and is in compliance with its Order, approval is not required by the Board. In light of the Order requiring Sprint provide this new service, at a predetermined rate, TAF received a draft Memo of Understanding of the service and it was reviewed by the Industry Ad Hoc Committee and TAF. The Committee and TAF, in their review, requested additional information and several meetings were conducted between TAF, the Committee and Sprint. As a result of those meetings a final Memo of Understanding was prepared to the satisfaction of the Committee and TAF. TAF and the Ad Hoc Committee met with PSC Staff to review its findings and provided them with comments and information on the service for which they were in agreement with.

Note: Currently Caption Telephone Service is being offered by one company called CapTel (a wholly owned subsidiary of Ultra Tec Corp.). This service is only offered through third party agents i.e. Sprint, Verizon (MCI), AT&T and Hamilton Telephone only. This service is considered an Enhanced Voice Carry-Over (VCO) service and requires a CapTel phone.

Lou provided the following summary:

- A. The agreed upon price is below Sprint's National Average price.
- B. Services meet all FCC complaints with a few FCC waivers.
- C. Service will be functional 24/7.
- D. Some of the various differences to current standard TTY service are as follows:
 1. 900 call blocking differs from the standard TTY service
 2. Toll billing for interstate calling
 3. Local calling with a 40 mile radius of the callers location
 4. 911 and 711 dialing the phone converts to a standard VCO mode and the call is handled by the appropriate answering point
 5. O- dialing will terminate to a Sprint LD operator or a pre subscribed carrier of choice
 6. Compensation via CapTel will only be for calls originating and terminating within New York State
- E. TAF will be provided with the required reports as stated in the PSC Order.
- F. Compensation will be on a Conversation Minute (CMOU) basis.
- G. The Memo of Understanding will be forwarded to the PSC under trade secret status due to the competitive nature of the pricing signed by the TAF Manager and a Sprint representative.

- H. Sprint will file a revised relay tariff with the PSC before the end of November.

Finally, PSC Staff working with CapTel and Sprint has worked out an agreement that 300 CapTel phones per month would be made available for purchase, by the end user from Weitbrecht Communications Inc (WCI), a CapTel subsidiary, at an introductory price of \$99 for a period of time. Plus, a priority ordering list will be maintained and monitored by CapTel which will provide the information to TAF through Sprint. Information on ordering the phone can be obtained by going to the PSC website.

8. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 via conference call.
9. Gregg Collar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Duryea and approved unanimously by the Board.