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Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 2007

## \* Approved by Board August 14, 2007 \*

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

**Others present**: Lou Piazza (TAF Manager), Angelo Rella (Asst-TAF Manager), John Flack (Pool Administrator), Mary Monaco (PSC Staff).

- Juliana Janson, Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order and took a roll call. A
  quorum was present and the meeting proceeded. At this time the two new TAF Board
  members were introduced. The two new members are Ben Wiles of PULP who
  replaced Charles Brennan as a representative of the Consumers' group and Judith
  Messenger of Pae Tec Communications who replaced Joe Dunbar of MCI as the
  CLEC segment member of the TAF Board.
- 2. The Board reviewed the minutes of the 2/13/2007 Board meeting. Having no changes a motion was made by Gregg Collar to adopt the 2/13/2007 minutes, seconded by John Sutphen and approved by the Board.
- 3. Lou provided a TAF Administrative Expense Summary Report for the months of January 2007 through March 2007. He told the Board that the Treasurer (Susan Zimmermann) reviewed a more detailed summary and Susan reported that was so and she was satisfied. Due to a number of new Board members and representatives, Lou provided an explanation about the administrative reports outlining various line items and explaining the make up of each of those items. A motion was made by Susan Zimmermann to approve the expense reports as presented, seconded by Mary Burgess and approved by the Board.
- 4. Lou provided a TAF Status Report. The January through March 2007 Monthly Assessment Summaries were presented. Lou provided a detailed explanation of these reports, explaining the make up of each of the items which were the targeted funded items of TAF as required by the PSC. Lou explained that the large monthly adjustments were the result of several audits that were conducted by TAF and prior month adjustments from several other companies. Lou informed the Board members that TAF keeps the individual company information confidential and only shares that information with the PSC Staff at their request. Ben Wiles asked several question concerning the adjustments which Lou answered. A motion was made by Susan

Zimmermann to approve the status reports as presented, seconded by Chris Duryea and approved by the Board.

- 5. Lou provided a status report on the Telephone Relay Service (TRS). Lou gave a detailed explanation of TRS service to everyone providing some history behind the NY Relay, plus the last three months trend of the new caption service with the number of phones sold (890). Lou informed the Board that Caption Telephone Service Public Service Announcements are being aired around the state to inform residents of this new service and that a Relay Advisory Committee meeting is in the plans within the next two months. In addition to several questions concerning the service were asked which Lou answered, Lou also provided a update on the NYS Relay Service RFP or possible contract extension with the current provider.
- 6. In response to a Board request at the last meeting, Lou provided a bar graph indicating the trend in revenues reported to TAF. This chart was provided solely for informational purposes.
- 7. The next regular scheduled board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 in Albany, at the TAF/Pool Conference Room with a start time of 11 A.M.
- 8. Gregg Collar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Juliana Janson and approved by the Board.