

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND SELECTION)	ADMINISTRATIVE
OF A VENDOR FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	CASE NO. 372
RELAY SERVICE)	

ORDER

The Commission has determined that, due to increases in the cost of Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), the monthly surcharge for each local exchange carrier¹ (LEC) customer access line should be increased by 3 cents (\$0.03) to 9 cents (\$0.09) per month. The surcharge for the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) Distribution program will remain at 1 cent (\$0.01). As in the past, these items may be shown as a combined charge on a single line of the customer s bill as TRS/TDD Surcharge. The combined charge shall be 10 cents (\$0.10). All LECs shall submit to the Commission updated tariffs to reflect this change no later than April 30, 2003, to be effective May 15, 2003.

Carriers shall continue to submit reports to the administrator and the Commission on a monthly or quarterly basis as directed in the instructions. Attached is the revised form to reflect the new surcharge amount and the instructions.

¹ Local exchange carriers include all incumbent and competitive local exchange carriers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The surcharge for TRS shall be increased by 3 cents (\$0.03) per month beginning with all bills for service rendered after May 15, 2003.

2. All LECs shall submit to the Commission tariffs to reflect this change by April 30, 2003.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of April, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director



**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE FUND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES FOR THE DEAF DISTRIBUTION FUND**

Date _____

Reporting Month _____

Carrier Information	
Company Name	_____
Company Address	_____
Telephone / Fax	_____
Vendor Number	_____

Classification	Please Circle One	ILEC	CLEC	
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Monthly Access Line Data		
1.	Total Access Lines in Service	_____
2.	TRS Surcharge Per Access Line.	_____ <u>\$0.09</u> _____
3.	Amount of TRS Surcharge Remitted to Fund ..	_____
4.	TDD Surcharge Per Access Line	_____ <u>\$0.01</u> _____
5.	Amount of TDD Surcharge Remitted to Fund	_____

Signature Block		
I hereby attest that the information reported herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.		
Company Official _____	Title _____	Company Official _____
(Printed)		(Signed)

Make check payable to: Kentucky State Treasurer and send with this report to:

JPMorgan Chase GP# 204519 / 204690
 ATTN: Joseph A. Morales AVP.
 Escrow Admin. 15th Floor
 4 New York Plaza
 New York, NY 10004

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Kentucky Public Service Commission
 ATTN: Jim Stevens
 211 Sower Blvd.
 P.O. Box 615
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Instructions for Completing Kentucky Telecommunication Relay Service and Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf Distribution Program Fund Report

The surcharge rate for the Kentucky Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Fund is nine cents (\$0.09) per access line, collected on a monthly basis. The surcharge rate for the Kentucky Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf Distribution (TDD) Program is one cent (\$0.01) per access line, collected on a monthly basis. The combined surcharge is ten cents (\$0.10) per access line, collected on a monthly basis. Following are instructions for completing the form and definitions of the terms on the form.

All Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs), and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs), are required to collect the surcharge from their customers on a monthly basis. The surcharge should be collected for all local exchange access lines. Local exchange access lines are defined for this purpose as facilities which provide access to and from the telecommunications network for toll service and for local calling with the exception of Coin, WATS, remote call forwarding, radio common carriers, interlata foreign exchange lines, private line services, mobile, other common carriers, and company official accounts. Each carrier should collect the surcharge from the customers it serves on a retail basis; wholesale accounts should not be charged the surcharge. The combined surcharge should appear on each customer s bill as Kentucky TRS/TDD Surcharge or a similar facsimile.

Carriers may contribute to the fund on a monthly or quarterly basis depending on the number of subscribers served. Carriers with less than 1,000 access lines may contribute on a quarterly basis. Carriers with greater than 1,000 access lines should continue to contribute on a monthly basis. Carriers contributing on a quarterly basis will still be required to submit separate reports for each month but remit them to the fund on a quarterly basis. Reports are due within 15 days following the reporting month.

Form Instructions

Please complete the carrier information at the top of the form; include company name, address, telephone/fax number, vendor number, date report filed and month for reporting data. Please circle your company designation.

Block 3, Monthly Access Line Data

Line 1, this is the total number of access lines in service for the month.

Line 2, the amount of the surcharge is provided.

Line 3, this should be equal to line 1 multiplied by line 2.

Line 4, the amount of the surcharge is provided

Line 5, this should be equal to line 1 multiplied by line 4.

Signature Block

Please date and print the name and title of the company official and sign the form. A company official may be an officer, controller or other responsible person designated to be held accountable for the information submitted on the form.

Please note the two addresses at the bottom of the form and mail within 15 days after the reporting month. Utilities failing to file reports will be subject to penalties in accordance with KRS 278.990.