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In Re: **Docket No. 3: Telecommunications Non-Docket**
Docket No. 44669: Telecommunications Relay Service Generic Docket

ORDER VACATING ORDERS AND ESTABLISHING GENERIC DOCKET

I. Background

On July 6, 2022, the Georgia Public Service Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to adopt Commission Rule 515-12-1-.37. Telecommunications Relay Service. The proposed rule was intended to codify existing requirements in State law and Commission orders that local exchange carriers collect a Monthly Maintenance Surcharge to support the telecommunications relay service, telecommunications equipment distribution program, audible information access service, and hearing aid distribution program. The proposed rule also specified billing surcharge language and established a quarterly schedule for reporting and remission of funds collected.

On August 22, 2022, the Commission adopted the rule. The rule was subsequently filed with the Secretary of State on September 1, 2022 and went into effect 20 days later, on September 21, 2022, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-6(a).

II. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order vacating any orders, or portions of orders in Docket No. 3, to the extent that they are in conflict with or impose requirements in addition to those contained in Commission Rule 515-12-1-.38. Staff further recommended that the Commission establish Docket No. 44669 as the Telecommunications Relay Service Generic Docket and direct Staff and parties to use that docket for all future filings related to the telecommunications relay service, telecommunications equipment distribution program, audible information access service, and hearing aid distribution program.

III. Commission Decision

The Commission adopts the Staff's recommendation for the reasons stated therein.

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WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that any orders, or portions of orders in Docket No. 3, to the extent that they are in conflict with or impose requirements in addition to those contained in Commission Rule 515-12-1-.38 are hereby vacated.

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ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order(s) as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 4th day of October 2022.

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