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In Re: Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Request for Proposals

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

The Commission is charged with implementing, administering and promoting a telecommunications equipment distribution program to citizens of this state who, because of physical impairments, cannot otherwise communicate over the phone. O.C.G.A. § 46-5-30(a) and (k). The Commission is further directed to select a distribution agency to manage the telecommunications equipment distribution program. O.C.G.A. § 46-5-30(h). At its October 21, 2025, Administrative Session, the Georgia Public Service Commission approved the issuance of a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to select a distribution agency to manage the telecommunications equipment distribution program.

I. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommended the following dates for the RFP:

RFP Issued Electronically.....October 21, 2025

Submission of written questions.....November 4, 2025

Proposals Due.....December 1, 2025 by 4:00 P.M.

Optional Oral Presentations by Offerors.....December 3, 2025

Proposal Award.....December 16, 2025

Hearing Aid Provider Commence Operations.....March 1, 2026

II. Commission Decision

The Commission adopts Staff's recommendation to issue a Request for Proposals for the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program.

WHEREFORE, IT IS

ORDERED, that the Commission issues a Request for Proposals for a distribution agency to manage the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program. The contract has a three-year term commencing on March 1, 2026, with the option to renew for an additional two years if notice of renewal is received prior to February 28, 2028.

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 21st day of October 2025.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

10-22-25
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Jason Shaw
Chairman

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