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In Re: Georgia Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program

ORDER SELECTING GEORGIA CENTER OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING TO ADMINISTER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

I. Background

On October 21, 2025, the Georgia Public Service Commission issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for a single statewide provider of telecommunications equipment distribution program provider ("TEDP"). The Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing ("GCDHH"), the current provider of TEDP in Georgia, was the only offeror to submit a bid.

II. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommended that the Commission again select GCDHH to administer the TEDP Program. GCDHH has a proven track record of administering the TEDP program. Additionally, GCDHH will continue to provide outreach programs in order to raise awareness among citizens of this state who qualify for the program.

Consistent with the RFP, Staff recommended that the contract have an initial three-year term beginning March 1, 2026 and terminating February 28, 2029, with an option to extend for

an additional two years. Staff further recommended an annual budget of $855,622.00 for the three-year contract and that GCDHH consult Staff prior to any wireless equipment purchases.

III. Commission Decision

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

WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the Commission selects GCDHH to manage the TEDP and will enter into a contract with GCDHH for this purpose. The term of the contract will be from March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2029, with an option to extend for an additional two years.

ORDERED FURTHER, that Commission approves an annual budget of $855,622 for the three-year contract.

ORDERED FURTHER, that GCDHH consult Staff prior to any wireless equipment purchases

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 16th day of December 2025.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

12-18-25
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Jason Shaw
Chairman

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