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PSC Selects New Georgia Telecommunications Relay Service Provider

Atlanta, September 20, 2005 -- The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved the selection of Hamilton Telephone Company as the new provider for the Georgia Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) effective April 1, 2006. Georgia law requires the Commission to administer the TRS system which provides telecommunications services for those with hearing and speech disabilities. After consideration of three competing bids, the Commission awarded the TRS contract to Hamilton, an Aurora, Nebraska telecommunications company that currently provides relay service in nine states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and the Pacific island of Saipan.

AT&T, the current Georgia TRS provider since 1991, did not request an extension of their contract.

The TRS is funded through a monthly surcharge levied on each telephone access line. The current TRS surcharge is \$.10 per line per month.

For more information, check out the Commission's website, www.psc.state.ga.us and the Georgia Relay Website, www.georgiarelay.org.

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