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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Amy Demboski
Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 
465.4081

DATE: April 16, 2020

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Regulatory Commission of Alaska regulations re: telecommunications relay service (TRS)
for disabled persons (3 AAC 51)

Attorney General File:	2019200554
Regulation Filed:	4/16/2020
Effective Date:	5/16/2020
Print:	234, July 2020

cc with enclosures: Harry Hale, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

The attached 7 pages of regulations, dealing with 3 AAC 51.010-.199, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Regulatory Commission of Alaska adopted at its June 26, 2019, public meeting, under the authority of AS 42.05.141, AS 42.05.151, AS 42.05.221, AS 42.05.296, AS 42.05.311, AS 42.05.321, and AS 42.05.711 after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: April 1, 2020



Robert M. Pickett, Chairman

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

April 16th, 2020 at 1:39 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for April Simpson
for Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: May 16, 2020.

Register: 234, July 2020

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

**I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA,
designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act
filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:**

**Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff
Kady Levale, Notary Administrator
April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of
Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th,
2018.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Meyer", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**KEVIN MEYER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

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3 AAC 51.010(a) is amended to read:

(a) The provisions of 3 AAC 51.010 - 3 AAC 51.199 apply to all providers of any local intrastate telecommunication services [LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS]. The provisions of 3 AAC 51.010 - 3 AAC 51.199 do not apply to intrastate interexchange carriers [CELLULAR RADIOTELEPHONE CARRIERS AND RADIO COMMON CARRIERS.]

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3 AAC 51.010(b) is amended to read:

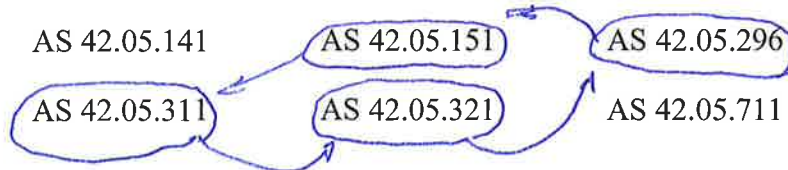
(b) The provision of telecommunications relay service (TRS) in accordance with 3 AAC 51.010 - 3 AAC 51.199 is required by the public convenience and necessity to meet the needs of persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech disabled ^{SPEECH} [-IMPAIRED, AND ALL OTHER SUBSCRIBERS IN COMMUNICATING WITH EACH OTHER].

3 AAC 51.010(c) is amended to read:

(c) The purpose of 3 AAC 51.010 - 3 AAC 51.199 is to implement the directives of AS 42.05.296 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (47 U.S.C. 225) requiring the provision of telecommunications service to allow persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, speech disabled ^{SPEECH} [-IMPAIRED PERSONS AND ALL OTHER SUBSCRIBERS] to communicate with all other persons and ^{or} with each other.

Eff. 12/2/92, Register 124; am 2/23/2001, Register 157; am 5 / 16 / 2020, Register 234

Authority: AS 42.05.141



3 AAC 51.020(a) is amended to read:

(a) In accordance with the provisions of this section, the commission will issue an order requesting applications for the provision of TRS in this state and specifying the general, business, technical, and financial information to be provided by an applicant. [THE COMMISSION WILL ISSUE ITS INITIAL ORDER REQUESTING TRS APPLICATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION BY MAY 23, 2001.]

3 AAC 51.020(e) is amended to read:

(e) In addition to the application information required under (a) of this section, a TRS applicant shall provide documentation that verifies the applicant has

(1) the ability to meet or exceed federal requirements concerning all operational, technical, and functional minimum standards for TRS specified in 47 C.F.R. 64.604 [issued June 21, 2000]; and

(2) procedures to

(A) solicit input from users of the service and carriers whose customers use TRS;

(B) fairly and expeditiously resolve customer complaints;

(C) develop and implement community outreach and education services and programs; and

(D) provide [FOR TTY EQUIPMENT] distribution of one or more devices that permit persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, speech disabled to [CUSTOMERS] communicate with each other and with persons of normal hearing.

(Eff. 12/2/92, Register 124; am 2/23/2001, Register 157; am 5/16/2020, Register 234)

Authority: AS 42.05.141

AS 42.05.151

AS 42.05.221

AS 42.05.296

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3 AAC 51.030 is repealed and readopted to read:

3 AAC 51.030. Requirements of telecommunications relay service provider. (a)

Following the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide TRS in this state, the provider shall file a tariff that incorporates the terms and conditions specified in its application. The TRS provider shall serve in conformance with its tariff until service expires under the terms of the certificate or until the commission decides otherwise. The TRS provider shall file with the commission, in accordance with 3 AAC 48.095, a monthly report that includes the following information:

(1) the TRS surcharges assessed and the total amount of TRS revenue collected based on the number of voice lines reported by telecommunications carriers under 3 AAC 51.040(k)(1); the report must specify the surplus revenue account balance;

(2) the number of calls processed; the report must specify TRS traffic by number of calls and minutes of use and each category must be further disaggregated by jurisdiction and type of call; for the purpose of this paragraph "jurisdiction" includes local, intrastate toll, and interstate toll;

(3) the quality of service offered to customers; the report must show conformance with federal speed-of-answer and call-blocking standards specified in 47 C.F.R. 64.604(b)(2) issued June 21, 2000.

(b) On or before March 1 each year, the TRS provider shall file a new proposed outreach and education program budget for the following fiscal year along with a report of its actual expenses for the preceding fiscal year.

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(c) The TRS provider shall enter into an escrow arrangement or post a bond with the commission in accordance with the terms and amount specified by the commission in its order issued under 3 AAC 51.020. (Eff. 12/2/92, Register 124; am 2/23/2001, Register 157; am 11/6/2016, Register 220; am 11/22/2017, Register 224; am 5 / 16 / 2020, Register 234)

Authority: AS 42.05.141 AS 42.05.151 AS 42.05.296

3 AAC 51.040(a) is amended to read:

(a) The commission will establish a TRS surcharge by order and will consider the following criteria:

- (1) the monthly revenue requirement of the TRS provider;
- (2) the estimated number of [RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-LINE BUSINESS, AND MULTI-LINE BUSINESS] voice lines of providers of local wireline and wireless telecommunications service [LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS];
- (3) any amounts held by the TRS provider in the surplus revenue account.

3 AAC 51.040(b) is amended to read:

(b) The commission will [SET AN INCEPTION SURCHARGE BY ORDER. AFTER THE INCEPTION SURCHARGE HAS BEEN SET, THE COMMISSION WILL] modify the surcharge whenever necessary to avoid insufficient or excessive money in the surplus revenue account.

3 AAC 51.040(d) is repealed:

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3 AAC 51.040(e) is amended to read:

(e) Each telecommunications [LOCAL EXCHANGE] carrier shall list the surcharge as a separate line item on bills for service and entitle it "Universal Access Surcharge."

3 AAC 51.040(f) is amended to read:

(f) Each telecommunications [LOCAL EXCHANGE] carrier shall collect the surcharge for each [ACCESS] voice line from subscribers of telecommunications [LOCAL EXCHANGE] service.

3 AAC 51.040(j) is amended to read:

(j) If sufficient money is not available in the surplus revenue account to cover the underrecovery in a given month, the TRS provider may assess an interest charge on the unrecovered amount. The interest charge is assessable at the rate of 0.0287 percent per day and collectible by the TRS provider in the next month in which sufficient money is available.

The introductory language of
3 AAC 51.040(k) is amended to read:

(k) Each telecommunications [LOCAL EXCHANGE] carrier shall disburse surcharge collections on a monthly basis to the TRS provider in the following manner:

3 AAC 51.040(k)(1) is amended to read:

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(1) by the 10th calendar day of each month, or the next working day if the 10th falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or bank holiday, each telecommunications [LOCAL EXCHANGE] carrier shall pay to the TRS provider surcharge revenues collected from [TELEPHONE] subscribers; each telecommunications [LOCAL EXCHANGE] carrier shall send a report, with the payment, showing the number of wireless, [RESIDENTIAL LINES, SINGLE-LINE BUSINESS LINES, AND MULTI-LINE BUSINESS] and wireline voice lines to which a surcharge was assessed; the report must also include the number of uncollectible surcharges and the amount collected from previous months' uncollectible surcharges, separated by each month;

Eff. 12/2/92, Register 124; am 2/23/2001, Register 157; am 11/6/2016, Register 220; am 10/27/2017, Register 224; am 5 / 16 / 2020, Register 234

Authority: AS 42.05.141

AS 42.05.151

AS 42.05.296

AS 42.05.311

AS 42.05.321

3 AAC 51.199(a)(9) is amended to read:

(9) "telecommunications relay service" or "TRS" means a telephone transmission service that provides the ability for an individual who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech disabled [-IMPAIRED] to engage in communication by wire or radio with a hearing individual in a manner that is functionally equivalent to the ability of an individual who is not deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech disabled [-IMPAIRED] to communicate using voice communication services by wire or radio; "TRS" includes services that enable two-way communication between an individual who uses a relay device [TTY OR OTHER NONVOICE TERMINAL DEVICE] and an individual who does not use such a device;

3 AAC 51.199(a)(10) is repealed:

(10) repealed 5 / 16 / 2020

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(Eff. 12/2/92, Register 124; am 2/23/2001, Register 157; am ~~11/16/2016~~, Register ~~220~~; am ~~10/27/2017~~, Register ~~224~~; am 5 / 16 / 2020, Register 234 } *double space*)

Authority: AS 42.05.141 AS 42.05.151 AS 42.05.296

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MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska Department of Law

To: The Honorable Kevin Meyer Lieutenant Governor	Date: April 15, 2020
	File No.: 2019200554
Thru: Susan R. Pollard <i>SRP</i> Chief Assistant Attorney General and Regulations Attorney Legislation and Regulations Section	Tel. No.: 465-3600
From: Steven C. Weaver <i>SCW</i> Senior Assistant Attorney General Legislation and Regulations Section	Re: Regulatory Commission of Alaska regulations re: telecommunications relay service (TRS) for disabled persons (3 AAC 51)

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska after the close of the public comment period. The regulations concern telecommunications relay service (TRS) for disabled persons.

The February 10, 2019 public notice, the April 19, 2019 public notice, and the April 1, 2020 certification of adoption order all state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

Note that the certification of adoption order has been signed electronically using an Adobe certified signature. The Department of Law accepts such electronic signatures through Adobe and DocuSign as meeting the requirement to present a certified copy of regulations to the Lieutenant Governor under AS 44.62.080.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.125. The corrections are shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

SCW

cc w/enc.: Robert M. Pickett, Chair
Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Amy Demboski, Assistant Commissioner and Regulations Contact
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

James L. Walker, Administrative Law Judge
Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Ashley C. Brown, Assistant Attorney General
Commercial, Fair Business, and Child Support Section

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA**

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Commission) proposes, in Docket R-19-001, to adopt revisions to regulations in Title 3 of the Alaska Administrative Code related to Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS), in response to the changes in the statute in AS 42.05.296. Specifically, the Commission is expanding (i) the assessment of the TRS surcharge to additional telecommunications services, including wireless telecommunications service; and (ii) the type of telecommunication devices made available to consumers that participate in the TRS program.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska at 701 West 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Additionally, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska will accept comments via the Commission's website at: <https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx>. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the "comment" link. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., on March 11, 2019.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782 or TTY/Alaska Relay: 7-1-1 or (800) 770-8973 no later than three business days before the relevant public comment period ends to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Since this is a regulation proceeding, commenters are not required to serve their comments on other entities or persons set out on the service list of this Notice. Interested persons may request from the Commission copies of the comments filed in this proceeding. For a copy of the proposed regulation changes and related material contact the Commission's Records & Filings Section at the above address or at (907) 276-6222 or go to: <http://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/home.aspx>. Those seeking to obtain the materials at the above website must pick "All Open Rulemaking Dockets" under *Top Searches* and choose matter number R-19-001.

After the public comment period ends, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.** Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 42.05.141; AS 42.05.151; AS 42.05.221 AS 42.05.296; AS 42.05.311; AS 42.05.321; AS 42.05.711

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 42.05.296

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: February 7, 2019



Stephen McAlpine, Chairman

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Regulatory Commission of Alaska
2. General subject of regulation: Telecommunications Relay Service
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 3 AAC 51.010 – .199
4. Department of Law file number, if any: _____

5. Reason for the proposed action:

- () Compliance with federal law or action (identify): _____
- (x) Compliance with new or changed state statute
- () Compliance with federal or state court decision (identify): _____
- () Development of program standards
- () Other (identify): _____

6. Appropriation/Allocation: Regulatory Commission of Alaska

7. Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:

A private person: _____

Another state agency: _____

A municipality: _____

8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):

	Initial Year FY <u>2019</u>	Subsequent Years
Operating Cost	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
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1005 General fund/ program	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (identify)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

E-mail address: james.walker@alaska.gov

- ☒ Staff of state agency
☐ Federal government
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☐ Petition for regulation change
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- Telephone: 907-263-2138

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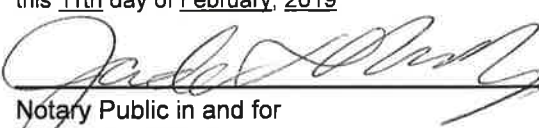
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Sarah Jennett
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February 10, 2019

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Signed 
Sarah JennettSubscribed and sworn to before me
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The State of Alaska.
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Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 42.05.296

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: February 7, 2019

Stephen McAlpine, Chairman

Published: February 10, 2019

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The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Commission) proposes, in Docket R-19-001, to adopt revisions to regulations in Title 3 of the Alaska Administrative Code related to Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS), in part to respond to recent changes in AS 42.05.296. Specifically, the Commission is (i) expanding the assessment of the TRS surcharge to additional telecommunications services, including wireless telecommunications service; (ii) expanding the type of telecommunication devices made available to consumers that participate in the TRS program; (iii) adopting a unified TRS surcharge rate structure; and (iv) other ministerial changes.

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DATE: April 17, 2019



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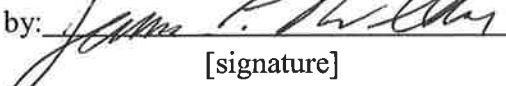
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9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

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Anchorage, AK 99501
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10. The origin of the proposed action:

☒ Staff of state agency
☐ Federal government
☐ General public
☐ Petition for regulation change
☐ Other (identify): _____

11. Date: 4/17/2019 Prepared by: 
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THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA 701 WEST EIGHTH AVENUE, SUITE 300 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501		
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, 2019 9:00 a.m.		
ITEM	DOCKET/ FILE	ISSUE
1		Public Participation (Limited to 5 minutes per presenter, and Commissioner questions)
2	R-19-001	In the Matter of Consideration of Revisions to Regulations Governing Telecommunications Relay Service (Wilson)
3		Other Business
4		Executive Session as Required

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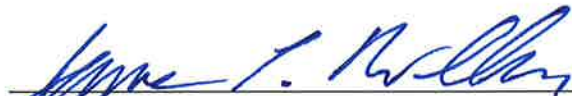
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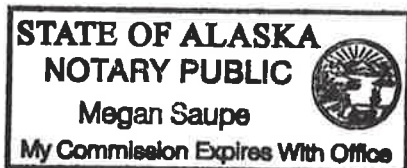
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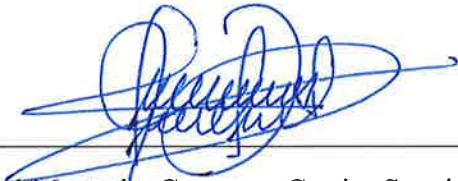

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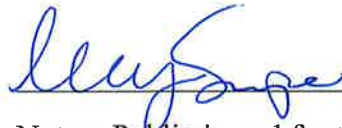
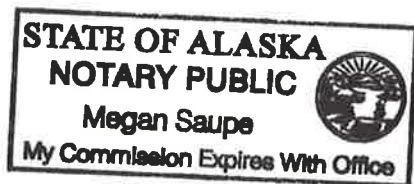
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Date: 11/13/2019



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PUBLIC MEETING

Before Commissioners: Stephen A. McAlpine, Chair
Robert M. Pickett
Antony G. Scott
Daniel A. Sullivan
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PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019
9:00 A.M.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIR McALPINE: Good morning. This is the time set for the public meeting of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

For the record, my name is Stephen McAlpine. I'm the Chairman of the Commission, for the last time, and joining me on the dais today are Commissioners Wilson, Scott, Pickett, and Sullivan.

The first item on the agenda is Item Number 1, Public Participation.

Are there any members of the public who would like to address the Commission today? Seeing no volunteers.

Is there anyone appearing telephonically who would like to address the Commission? Hearing none.

I'll turn once more to the Anchorage audience. If there is anyone would like to address the Commission, now is your last chance to do so. Seeing none. Item Number 1 is closed.

Item Number 2 is a presentation by Sprint.

Kris Shipley, the microphone is yours.

MS. SHIPLEY: Good morning. Thank you. I'm going to turn it over to Chris Smith first.

CHAIR McALPINE: Okay. Chris, go ahead.

1 MR. SMITH: Good morning, everyone.

2 CHAIR McALPINE: Good morning.

3 MR. SMITH: I have the easier job of the three
4 of us. My -- my role is to introduce the -- my -- my
5 colleagues.

6 So, again, my name is Chris Smith, and I am the
7 Senior Client Director at Sprint, and my
8 responsibilities are to manage the contract between
9 Sprint and the State of Alaska. And to my right,
10 Ms. Kris Shipley, whose responsibilities are to manage
11 the -- the overall relationship, and her title is
12 "Customer Relationship Manager." And then to my far
13 right is Tiffany Wilson, whose responsibilities are
14 oversight of the outreach program. And so they'll go
15 into a lot more detail in their presentation, but
16 suffice to say, we're -- we're excited to be here
17 traveling from Kansas City and from Denver, and the
18 weather is great. I love it.

19 So I'll turn it over to Kris, and I'll get out
20 of the way.

21 MS. SHIPLEY: Thank you, Chris.

22 Good morning, everyone. We're very happy to
23 be here today, and finally got nice weather, as Chris
24 said. I was here the last time in November. We
25 finished a meeting on Wednesday, and then Friday we

1 were hit by the big earthquake. I'm sure you all
2 remember here, and that was such an experience that I
3 can check off on my bucket list. So I've had a
4 hurricane. I've experienced an earthquake. I've
5 experienced blizzards, a dust storm. So the list goes
6 on, but the earthquake was the last one I checked off
7 the bucket list. So, anyway, I'm very happy to be
8 here now in the summer.

9 This slide that we'll first talk about is the
10 Alaska Relay traffic volume, and you see the monthly
11 report for each year. This includes the TTY, VCO, or
12 voice carry-over, HCO or hearing carry-over, and
13 speech disability. This is the accumulative volume
14 for all of those, and it continues to decline nearly
15 every year, as we have seen. The color in the red bar
16 is the most recent one we see here that's been
17 decreasing. This is just a snapshot of the volume.

18 The next slide is the "CapTel Minutes." It's
19 a captioned telephone call based on land lines. You
20 see a significant decline in these CapTel minutes over
21 the years, including the most recent one in red.
22 Currently, it's below 1,000 minutes per month.

23 The next slide you'll see, that the reason for
24 the decline in the landline CapTel minutes is the IP
25 minutes, which is Internet-based minutes. People are

1 migrating to Internet use of the minutes, and that's
2 where you see the red line has increased. It has been
3 growing every year. And this means in the long run,
4 it saves the State of Alaska money, because you're
5 paying for the landline minutes. If the minutes
6 migrated to the IP relay CapTel, are funded by the
7 FCC.

8 So those three slides are the overall snapshot
9 of the value of relay minutes, and I think it's
10 looking good on a stable and overall basis.

11 I'd like to turn it over to Tiffany, who will
12 talk about our outreach program.

13 MS. WILSON: Thank you, Kris.

14 As you can see on this slide, we continued to
15 provide heavy outreach throughout the state.

16 CHAIR McALPINE: Tiffany, if you will, there's a
17 little button on your microphone, and when the green
18 light goes on, it's activated.

19 MS. WILSON: It is green, sir. Should I get
20 closer? I'm a little short.

21 CHAIR McALPINE: That will work.

22 Can you hear her? Okay.

23 MS. WILSON: There we go. Okay.

24 We continue to provide heavy outreach
25 throughout the state. You'll see the different

1 activities we have done from July to May. I'll save
2 you and I won't list them all off because you can see
3 them, but I'll move on to some of the photos from the
4 year.

5 We've done various walks and events, to State
6 fairs, disability events. Actually, we'll go anywhere
7 that people will have us there and let people know
8 about the program. This is just a snapshot of the
9 activities that we took in May, and we post it every
10 month so the communities are aware when we'll be in
11 their town and maybe can link up with us at an event.

12 The last time we were here, we discussed
13 starting a distance communication survey for the
14 people with hearing loss or who experience speech
15 disabilities. Those are the type of questions that we
16 proposed to ask. We had a small response. We had a
17 larger response from the hearing-loss community. We
18 had about 50 people who responded with hearing loss,
19 or a family member, and their demographics are broken
20 down on the screen. We only with one person with a
21 speech disability respond, so we're looking at getting
22 more responses, and then we'll analyze the data and
23 then provide the data to you.

24 The next slide is the "Equipment Distribution
25 Program," and what we've done so far for the year;

1 provided about 47 devices that are connected to the
2 landline, and you'll see it's -- it's about -- it's
3 averaging out.

4 This slide is Cycle 3 of the iPad Pilot
5 program, and this is a demographic so far, and we are
6 looking at closing out in August. We have seen a jump
7 in people with speech disabilities applying, and we
8 feel that that has to do with big effort on reaching
9 out to the speech therapists and the medical community
10 this year, and so we really feel like the word is
11 spreading to the communities. And so we're really
12 happy that we were able to provide more devices with
13 the speech disability community, and we're hoping that
14 we'll -- that also means we can get more responses to
15 the survey as well.

16 And I will turn it back over to Kris Shipley
17 to talk about the website.

18 MS. SHIPLEY: Thank you, Tiffany.

19 I've also -- I've already discussed with
20 John Monnoy the possibility of improving our website
21 design. The reason we need to update the Alaska Relay
22 website is because it needs to comply with the WCAG
23 guidelines, which are the website compliance
24 accessibility guidelines 2.1 AA.

25 We need the website to be accessible on

1 tablets, mobile devices, and computers, really any way
2 that people can access the Alaska Relay information
3 website. If you're not using a standard browser, then
4 it's not compliant. It doesn't show up correctly on a
5 mobile device.

6 So a compliant website must include the
7 Content Management System, and that allows us to make
8 the adjustments on the website to make it compatible,
9 also Spanish translation would be built in. If you
10 click at the top of the website, it would have the
11 entire website translated into Spanish.

12 And so currently working with the vendor DM,
13 Multimedia, who takes care of the design and
14 development of the website. This is a deaf-owned
15 business and has been working with Sprint for over
16 15 years. He's very knowledgeable about Relay
17 services. He's been working in this field for many
18 years. He designed the websites for Colorado, Kansas,
19 and several other state websites.

20 So what we're doing for Alaska Relay is being
21 able to copy the template and convert it into the
22 Alaska Relay website. The current website for Alaska
23 Relay was -- was designed six years ago, and it is not
24 compliant with the WCAG 2.1 AA guidelines that I
25 mentioned earlier. This is what it looks like today.

1 On the next slide, this is an example of the
2 Colorado website that has already been modified and
3 updated, and what some of the slides -- some of the
4 images of what that website looks like. It also is
5 accessible for mobile -- mobile devices. If you have
6 a chance, you could look at relaycolorado.com and see
7 what it looks like and see that it's a very simple
8 design that's very accessible to people with all
9 different disabilities, deaf, blind, low vision, and
10 able to access, for example, link up with their
11 Braille equipment, special software called JAWS Reader
12 for blind users and low-vision users, et cetera.

13 The only thing that will change is the color
14 logos to match for Alaska, and the specific language
15 content that's specific to Alaska. That would be
16 changed, but the general features will be similar to
17 the Colorado website.

18 So for the website, if anyone has suggestions
19 or comments about the content in the updating of it,
20 please feel free to let us know, and we can add what
21 is needed. If there are any questions related to our
22 report, we will be happy to answer them at this time.

23 CHAIR McALPINE: Questions or comments from the
24 Commission?

25 Commissioner Pickett.

1 COMMISSIONER PICKETT: Thank you again for being
2 here this morning.

3 Just to remind myself, I am getting old and I
4 don't remember things as well as I used to. How many
5 -- how many total iPads have been distributed in all
6 three of the cycles? Do you have that figure?

7 MS. WILSON: Commissioner Pickett, this is --
8 well, you know who I am. I'm so used to being on
9 conference calls.

10 So I need to go back and look at Cycle 1
11 versus Cycle 2, but at this point, it's about 24 per
12 Pilot --

13 COMMISSIONER PICKETT: Okay.

14 MS. WILSON: -- give or take one or more.

15 COMMISSIONER PICKETT: And what are -- what is
16 your thinking or planning kind of looking ahead as far
17 as -- you know, you've been able to engage a little
18 bit of the demand and kind of have a sense of what's
19 out there at this point. Do you have any thoughts on
20 that going forward?

21 MS. WILSON: Specifically, are you asking how
22 many do you think we would provide?

23 COMMISSIONER PICKETT: And budget, and kind of
24 where we're at, you know, I haven't looked at the
25 details on that for some time.

1 MS. WILSON: I haven't spoken with the Sprint
2 representatives about this yet, but we can speak about
3 it further. At this point, the existing budget should
4 fulfill the needs that we have. We can just see how it
5 increases year to year. But we are looking at having
6 one equipment budget and combining the iPad program with
7 the amplified phones and all of the devices together, so
8 then we can use that one budget to meet the equipment
9 needs as it arises, versus buying one set of stock of,
10 "I'm going to buy 24 iPads this year," and so we're not
11 tied to certain devices, but we can be tied to more
12 meeting the need based on one equipment budget.

13 COMMISSIONER PICKETT: So that would give you
14 the flexibility to make adjustments during the year, or
15 whatever?

16 MS. WILSON: That is correct.

17 COMMISSIONER PICKETT: Okay. Thank you.

18 CHAIR McALPINE: Other comments or questions?
19 Commissioner Wilson.

20 COMMISSIONER WILSON: In past presentations,
21 you've talked a lot about your services to the deaf
22 and hard of hearing community, but we haven't heard
23 much -- I don't believe, at least not since I've been
24 here -- about how you serve the speech disabled
25 community. Can you speak to that a little bit?

1 MS. WILSON: Absolutely. And one -- one event
2 that we go to is the Alaska Speech-Language-Hearing
3 Association, and we not only provide outreach to the
4 audiologist, but the speech therapists. This year we
5 had a large mailer to the speech therapist, and we also
6 went to the Alaska Special Education Conference, where
7 there were many there as well. And so we saw an
8 increase in the number of referrals for people with
9 speech disabilities.

10 We have also added -- we made sure to add
11 someone with speech disability to our advisory
12 council, and we are looking at various ways to provide
13 outreach to this -- people with speech disabilities.
14 What we find in Alaska is people with hearing loss,
15 there are a lot more events, and there's a lot more
16 group social events, whereas people with speech
17 disabilities, we don't -- we haven't found as many
18 groups or people getting together or events like that,
19 and so it's more reaching out to the speech therapists
20 and our general events.

21 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Thank you.

22 CHAIR McALPINE: Other comments or questions?
23 Seeing none. Thank you very much for your presentation.

24 The next item on the agenda, Item Number 3, is
25 R-19-001, "In the Matter of Consideration Or Revisions

1 to Regulations Governing Telecommunications Relay
2 Service."

3 Commissioner Wilson.

4 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
5 for the last time.

6 CHAIR McALPINE: I'm sorry. I missed what you
7 said.

8 COMMISSIONER WILSON: We have in front of us a
9 set of regulations that we have seen before, and we will
10 turn it over to Mr. Manaois to tell us why we're here on
11 these regulations.

12 CHAIR McALPINE: Jess.

13 MR. MANAOIS: Thank you, Commissioner Wilson,
14 Mr. Chairman.

15 Good morning, Commissioners. For the record, my
16 name is Jess Manaois, Commentary Staff.

17 So Docket R-19-001 was opened to amend the
18 regulations for telecommunications Relay service, or
19 TRS, in response to the changes in the Statute
20 AS 42.05.296. So the Commission issued proposed
21 regulations, filed their comments, and of that April
22 public meeting, staff presented its recommended
23 revised TRS regulations, which the -- the Commission
24 entirely adopted; however, the Commission Council
25 noted that some of the regulations that were adopted

1 were out of -- were beyond the scope of the initial
2 public notice we issued in this docket, and
3 particularly the deletion of -- the elimination of the
4 regulation of -- differentiating between different
5 classes of services, to which a unified TRS surcharge
6 will be assessed.

7 And so the Commission voted to release the
8 adopted regulations for additional public comment,
9 only secures final comments, which is similar to what
10 they filed in the initial comment period. The only
11 addition was -- in saying that the company uses the
12 same equipment to provide paid telephone and
13 interexchange service. So there were no new issues
14 that were raised, no proposed changes to the adopted
15 regulations in the second round of comments, and so
16 with that, staff -- our staff is recommending final
17 adoption of the revised TRS regulations that have been
18 -- that you have in front of you today.

19 CHAIR McALPINE: Commissioner questions or
20 comments? Seeing none.

21 Thank you, Jess.

22 MR. MANAOIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIR McALPINE: That will close out --

24 COMMISSIONER WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIR McALPINE: Oh, go ahead. I'm sorry. Go

1 ahead, Commissioner Wilson.

2 COMMISSIONER WILSON: I move that we adopt the
3 regulations contained in your packet, the seven-page
4 printout, that amends 3 AAC 51.

5 COMMISSIONER PICKETT: Second.

6 CHAIR McALPINE: Moved and seconded that we
7 adopt the regulation.

8 Discussion? Commissioner Scott? Hearing
9 none. We'll move the question.

10 All in favor, signify by saying "aye."

11 (Simultaneous speech.)

12 CHAIR McALPINE: Any opposed? Hearing none.
13 The measure is adopted. That closes out Item Number 3.

14 Moving on to Item Number 4, Other Business.
15 This is your -- your chance, Stuart.

16 MR. GOERING: Thank you, soon-to-be-former
17 Chairman McAlpine. Did you want me to say that again?

18 CHAIR McALPINE: That's fine.

19 MR. GOERING: Yeah. Okay.

20 CHAIR McALPINE: It's a hearing thing. It
21 happens with age.

22 MR. GOERING: Right. Oh, okay. Okay.

23 CHAIR McALPINE: "My younger brother" in here.

24 COMMISSIONER PICKETT: You didn't hear about the
25 special public meeting we had last week --

1 CHAIR McALPINE: Well, yeah, that wasn't --

2 COMMISSIONER PICKETT: -- and we signed you up
3 for another year.

4 MR. GOERING: So turning -- so turning to the
5 other business before the Commission, the Department of
6 Law has a summer intern program, and we have with us
7 today a number of those summer interns who are observing
8 the public meeting today, and particular interest, the
9 fact that we are having a special accommodation, which
10 is not particularly common in Alaska public meetings,
11 and so I'm delighted to be able to let them see that
12 experience, and they're also going to be meeting with
13 your consumer protection staff because of the overlap
14 between the Department of Law consumer protection
15 functions and the RCA's consumer protection functions.

16 So with your permission, I'd like to give them
17 the opportunity to introduce themselves. They are
18 prepared for cross-examination if you would like. So
19 they can use one of the microphones down here.

20 CHAIR McALPINE: Okay. The table that Stuart
21 occupies has microphones, and so if you would come
22 forward individually, introduce yourself, and tell us
23 what state you are from.

24 MS. WILSON: Hi. My name is Brooke Wilson. I'm
25 a student at Washington and Lee University, School of

1 Law, and I'm from New York.

2 MS. PALMER: Hi, everybody. My name is Aneliese
3 Palmer. I'm a student at Georgetown University, and I'm
4 from Alaska. I'm from Eagle River.

5 MR. ALBALAH: Hi. I'm Ron Michael Albalah from
6 New York, and I go to Fordham University.

7 MR. STINSON: Hello. I'm Matt Stinson from the
8 greatest state in our country, from Alaska. Anchorage
9 is my hometown, and I go to Pepperdine.

10 MS. MELOCHE: Hello, everyone. Michelle
11 Meloche. I go to St. Louis University, School of Law,
12 and I am originally from New York.

13 MR. HANSON: Hello. I'm Robert Hanson. I go to
14 Harvard, and I'm from Kansas.

15 MR. STAR: Hello. I'm Noah Star, originally
16 from Massachusetts. I'm going to Harvard, but I spent
17 two years in law school down in Juneau in the
18 legislature, so it's not all new to me.

19 CHAIR McALPINE: Our condolences.

20 MR. LONGACRE: Good morning. I'm Matt Longacre
21 from Anchorage, Alaska. I go to Seattle University.

22 MS. WEIR: Hi, everyone. I'm Brittany. I'm
23 from Ohio, but I go to the University of Michigan.

24 CHAIR McALPINE: Who won the game last night?

25 MS. WEIR: I have no idea.

1 MS. WANG: Hi. I'm Tiffany Wang. I'm from
2 California, and I go to UC Hastings.

3 MS. BEYER: Hi. My name is Kaitlyn Beyer. I'm
4 originally from New York, and I also go to University of
5 Michigan Law School, and I also don't know who won the
6 game last night.

7 MS. GOSKA: Hi, everyone. My name is Marlee
8 Goska. I also go to Michigan Law, and I'm also from New
9 York.

10 CHAIR McALPINE: And...

11 MS. GOSKA: I don't know.

12 CHAIR McALPINE: So have we gone -- have we run
13 the gamut? Has -- has anyone been called upon in
14 contracts to do the Carbolic Smoke Ball? None of you
15 have. My most memorable -- memorable event in law
16 school was being arrested for being underage in a bar
17 when I was 26 years old.

18 Commissioner Sullivan.

19 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Mr. Longacre, are you
20 related to Doug Longacre?

21 MR. LONGACRE: Doug Longacre is my uncle.

22 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Your uncle. Very
23 good. I went to -- I went to high school with him.
24 He was -- he was younger, but we were kind of in the
25 same generation, so welcome. Good luck in school.

1 CHAIR McALPINE: Is your father a lawyer?

2 MR. LONGACRE: Yes.

3 CHAIR McALPINE: Any other questions or comments
4 from the Commission?

5 Welcome. Good luck with dealing with Stuart.
6 Anything further on this item?

7 Commissioner Pickett.

8 COMMISSIONER PICKETT: Just under other
9 business, I'd like to thank Chairman McAlpine for his
10 willingness to serve us for the past couple of years,
11 so thank you again.

12 CHAIR McALPINE: That's not -- that's not the
13 treatment that I'm accustomed to, but it'll be much
14 different upstairs.

15 Moving now to Item Number 5. Does the
16 attorney general need an executive session?

17 MR. GOERING: No, thank you, I do not.

18 And I also do not know who won the game last
19 night.

20 CHAIR McALPINE: Does anyone know who won the
21 game? I have it recorded.

22 In any -- in any event, what we're referring
23 to is Vanderbilt vs. Michigan in the college world
24 series. Michigan won the first game. It's a
25 double-elimination, so if Michigan won last night,

1 game over. They're the national champions. If
2 Vanderbilt won the game last night, there will be game
3 number two -- game number three, actually, for the
4 elimination tonight, and I will expect Stuart to grill
5 you tomorrow, so that all of you who are from Michigan
6 who know --

7 Claire, go ahead.

8 MS. KNUDSEN-LATTA: Vanderbilt, game three.

9 CHAIR McALPINE: Vanderbilt won? Oh, good. The
10 final is tonight, and one of -- one of the kids who -- I
11 say kids, he's 35 years old, is an attorney here in town
12 who was at my house last night begging me to turn on the
13 game, but I wouldn't do it because there were a number
14 of kids at my house, and we just hung around, smoked
15 salmon. They drink -- smoked salmon -- ate salmon. Ate
16 smoked salmon, and they drank up all of my beer.

17 In any event, that closes out Item Number 5.
18 Is there anything further to come before the
19 Commission? Seeing nothing. The Chairman will
20 entertain a motion to adjourn.

21 (Simultaneous speech.)

22 CHAIR McALPINE: Is there objection? Hearing
23 none.

24 We're adjourned.

25 (End of proceedings.)

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