

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE AND ACCESS PROGRAM SURCHARGE

A. TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE

Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) for individuals with hearing and/or speech disabilities provides access to telephone services that are functionally equivalent to those provided to individuals not having hearing or speech impairments. Telecommunications Relay Service is subject to rules and regulations as prescribed by the FCC (Disabilities Act of 1990, 47 U.S.C. 225) and the Public Service Commission of Kentucky in Administrative Case Nos. 333 and 372.

B. TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS PROGRAM

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky and the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing established (Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute) the Telecommunications Access Program (TAP), a program to distribute telecommunications devices for the deaf to persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech impaired.

C. TRS/TAP SURCHARGE

In order to fund TRS and the TAP, the Commission ordered in Case No. 2007-00464 and Administrative Case No. 372, that \$0.04 per access line per month be collected for TRS and TAP for each wireless, ILEC, and CLEC retail customer as follows:

Monthly Surcharge

TRS Charge, per line:	\$ 0.02
TAP Charge, per line:	\$ 0.02

This surcharge is imposed on each residence and nonresidence access line. For purposes of application of this surcharge, access lines are defined as facilities which provide access to and from the telecommunications network for toll service and for local calling with the exception of Remote Call Forwarding, InterLATA Foreign Exchange Lines, and Cincinnati Bell Official Accounts.

These surcharges will appear on customers' bills as a single line item titled "Relay/TAP Service Surcharge."

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