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Ms. Brenda Kelly-Frye
Maryland Relay Customer Service
Telecommunications Access of Maryland
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Re: Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS); Application No.: TRS-33-07; CG Docket No. 03-123

Dear Ms. Kelly-Frye:

Pursuant to Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, section 225(f)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 225(f)(2), and section 64.606(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.606(b), the Application of the State of Maryland for certification of its Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) program, Application No. TRS-33-07, is hereby **GRANTED**. On the basis of its application, the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) has determined that:

- (1) the TRS program of the State of Maryland meets or exceeds all operational, technical, and functional minimum standards contained in section 64.604 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.604;
- (2) the State of Maryland's program makes available adequate procedures and remedies for enforcing the requirements of the TRS program; and
- (3) the State of Maryland's TRS program in no way conflicts with federal law.

The Bureau also has determined that the State of Maryland's intrastate funding mechanism is labeled in a manner that promotes national understanding of TRS and does not offend the public, consistent with section 64.606 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.606(d).

Because the Commission may adopt further changes to the rules governing relay programs, including state relay programs, the certification granted herein is conditioned on a demonstration of compliance with any new rules ultimately adopted by the Commission. The Commission will provide guidance to the states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia on demonstrating compliance with such rule changes.

This certification shall remain in effect for a five year period, beginning July 26, 2008, and ending on July 25, 2013, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.606(c). One year prior to the expiration of this certification, July 25, 2012, the State of Maryland may apply for renewal of its TRS program by filing documentation in accordance with the Commission's rules, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.606(a) and (b).

Sincerely,

Thomas Chandler
Chief, Disability Rights Office
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau