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July 3, 2017

M-2017-2582552

M-00900239

DINA BUCCIERI

US BANK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST & CUSTODY

50 SOUTH 16th STREET SUITE 2000   
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

Re: **PA Relay Service**

Account #152 502 6933-1476969--PA Relay Service Fund

Account #152 502 6942-1476969--PA Relay Service TDDP Fund

Account #152 501 0432-1476969--PA Relay Service PMASP Fund

Dear Ms. Buccieri:

We have concluded the annual recalculation of the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) surcharge in accordance with the May 29, 1990, Opinion and Order at Docket No. M‑00900239 directing that the Commission shall complete and notify the Local Exchange Carriers (LECs) by June 1 of each year, of the surcharge rate to be applied for the prospective 12-month period commencing July 1 of that year.

The 2017-2018 monthly TRS surcharge for residential and business wireline access lines **will remain set at $0.08 and $0.08**, respectively.

The surcharge recalculation includes a component to fund the TRS Program, Telecommunications Device Distribution Program (TDDP) and the Print Media Access System Program (PMASP).[[1]](#footnote-1) This year’s recalculation of the monthly surcharge per access line has resulted in a surcharge rate for residential customers of $0.08 and a surcharge rate for business customers of $0.08. Each LEC will continue to submit a single check or wire transfer reflecting surcharge revenues collected for the entire surcharge each month. These surcharge revenues must be properly allocated between the TRS account, the TDDP account, and the PMASP account as follows:

**Monthly Surcharge**

**Residence** **Business**

TRS 1525026933 85.0 % 85.0 %

TDDP 1525026942 10.0 % 10.0 %

PMASP 1525010432 5.0 % 5.0 %

**Total Surcharge** 100.0% 100.0%

The LECs have been ordered to use the attached form to accompany their TRS Surcharge remittance, so please deposit the amounts into the TRS Program account (152 502 6933); the TDD Program account (152 502 6942); and the PMASP account (152 501 0432) in accordance with their remittance forms (blank remittance form attached).

Thank you for your ongoing assistance in this matter. Please contact Eric Jeschke, Bureau of Technical Utility Services, at (717) 783-3850 or [ejeschke@pa.gov](mailto:ejeschke@pa.gov) with any questions or concerns.

 Sincerely,

Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary

cc: Melissa Lawrence, Audits Pittsburgh, PUC

Eric Jeschke, TUS, PUC

Attachment

**REMITTANCE FORM FOR MONTHLY TRS SURCHARGE COLLECTIONS**

Effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 M-2017-2582552

All local exchange carriers are required to collect and remit the TRS surcharge revenue monthly, by the 20th of each month using the following format for the monthly remittance:

***Pennsylvania TRS Surcharge***

For the Month Ending

Number of **Residential** access lines

X $0.08 per line

Allocated:

TRS Relay 85.0 percent

TDDP 10.0 percent

PMASP 5.0 percent

Number of **Business** access lines

X $0.08 per line

Allocated:

TRS Relay 85.0 percent

TDDP 10.0 percent

PMASP 5.0 percent

Total Remittance

Make check payable to: **Pennsylvania TRS Fund**

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| **Mail Report and payment to**: | ***Wire Instructions:*** |
| U.S. Bank Institutional Trust & Custody  Attn: Dina Buccieri  50 S. 16th Street, Suite 2000  Philadelphia, PA 19102 | **BANK** U.S. Bank N.A  **ADDRESS** 60 Livingston Avenue, St Paul  MN 55107-2292  **ABA** 091 000 022  **BNF** ITC Depository South & East  **ACCOUNT** 173 103 781 832  **OBI** PA Relay  **ATTN**: Amanda Brown-Poe |

**Remittance for**:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Utility Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: ­­­­­­­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Authorized Signature: Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

Please direct any questions regarding the TRS Surcharge remittance to Mr. Eric Jeschke at (717) 783‑3850 or ejeschke@pa.gov.

1. Act 34 of 1995, signed into law by Governor Ridge on July 6, 1995, as amended November 18, 2004, by Act 174 of 2004, directs the creation of a TDDP to be funded by the TRS surcharge and that the PMASP may also be funded by the TRS surcharge. The Surcharge Recalculation Opinion & Order at Docket No. M‑2017‑2582552 will not be mailed to the LECs but instead will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and on the Commission’s website. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)