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Illinois Valley Center for  
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Petition for Eligibility pursuant to 83  
Ill. Adm. Code 755, Section 210

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RESPONSE TO PETITION

Now comes the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Staff") and submits this response to the Petition filed by Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living ("Illinois Valley CIL" or "Petitioner") on November 8, 2000, for designation as an organization eligible to receive a Text Telephone (TT).

Section 13-703(d) of the Public Utilities Act ("the Act") states:

The Commission shall determine and specify those organizations serving the needs of those persons having a hearing or speech disability that shall receive a telecommunications device and in which office the equipment shall be installed in the case of an organization having more than one office. For the purposes of this Section, "organizations serving the needs of those persons with hearing or speech disabilities" means centers for independent living as described in Section 12a of the Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act and not-for-profit organizations whose primary purpose is serving the needs of those persons with hearing or speech disabilities. The Commission shall direct the telecommunications carriers subject to its jurisdiction and this Section to comply with its determinations and specifications in this regard.

The Illinois Valley CIL is a center for independent living as defined in Section 13-703(d) and promotes independent living for all persons with disabilities. The Illinois Valley CIL is not owned or operated by any political subdivision, public institution of higher learning, state agency, or municipal corporation of this State. The mission of the Illinois Valley CIL is to enlighten persons with disabilities and their families about their rights and to empower them to assume maximum responsibility to realize their potentials. Additionally, the Illinois Valley CIL assists persons with disabilities in securing meaningful and gainful employment, if needed, and to enrich their lives in the process.

In response to the information provided by the Petitioner, it is Staff's opinion that the Illinois Valley CIL meets the statutory test for designation as a TT recipient organization.

WHEREFORE, Staff does not seek a hearing in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison  
Consumer Services Division

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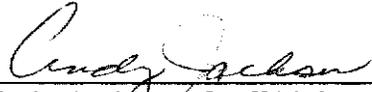
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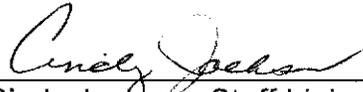
TO: SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have on this 6th day of December, 2000, forwarded to the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, for filing in the above docket, a Response to Petition filed by Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission, copies of which are hereby served upon you.

  
Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison  
Consumer Services Division

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing Notice, together with the documents referred to therein, were served upon the parties on the attached Service List, by first class mail, proper postage prepaid, from Springfield, Illinois on this 6th day of December, 2000.

  
Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison

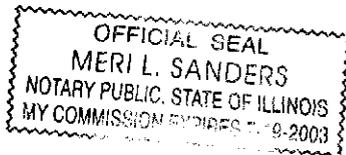
VERIFICATION

I, Cindy Jackson, first being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am the Staff Liaison in the Consumer Services Division, that I have read the above and foregoing Response to Petition, and that the facts and matters set forth therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison  
Consumer Services Division

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 6th day of December, 2000.

  
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