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Heartland Deaf Center, Inc.	:	
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	:	00-0371
Petition for Eligibility pursuant to	:	
83 Illinois Administrative Code 755,	:	
Section 210	:	

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Now comes the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Staff") and submits this response to the Petition filed by the Heartland Deaf Center, Inc. ("Heartland" or "Petitioner") on May 22, 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 Heartland is a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois. The Heartland is not owned or operated by any political subdivision, public institution of higher learning, state agency, or municipal corporation of this State. The Heartland serves the needs and represents the interests of deaf and severely hearing impaired individuals throughout the State of Illinois. The Heartland's mission is to work hand-in-hand with individuals who have a hearing loss, with their families and communities to realize their full potential in any opportunity. Heartland provides the following services:

- . cultural education;
- . basic computer training, e.g., internet, Microsoft Word and Works, and Windows 95/98;
- . information and resource library;
- . interpreting mentorship;
- . awareness education meetings; and
- . providing information via Petitioner's web site and providing links to other web sites for activities and services.

In response to the information provided by the Petition, it is Staff's opinion that Heartland 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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NOTICE OF FILING

TO: SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have on this 12th day of June, 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

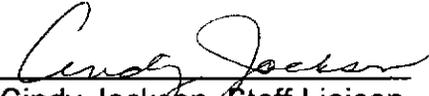
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 12th day of June, 2000.

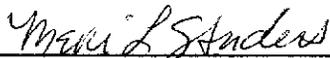

Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison

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

12th day of June, 2000.



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