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FCC EXTENDS NEBRASKA RELAY SERVICE CERTIFICATION

LINCOLN – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has notified the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the state’s relay system has been certified for another five years.

In its notification, the FCC said, “The Telecommunications Relay Service program of the State of Nebraska meets or exceeds all operational, technical, and functional minimum standards contained in the federal commission’s rules.”

In addition, the FCC said the State of Nebraska’s surcharge to fund the program is labeled in a manner that promotes national understanding of the relay service.

Nebraska supports the relay service with a four-cents per month surcharge that appears on telephone bills. The relay service was inaugurated in 1991 and the only vendor used in 17 years by the Public Service Commission to operate the program for deaf and speech impaired individuals is Hamilton Communications of Aurora.

The new certification began on July 26.