WHEREAS, 26 Del.C. §220, effective July 6, 1989, provides that the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") shall establish rules and regulations to require a public utility providing local exchange telephone service to provide a statewide dual party relay service ("DPR") that will allow hearing and speech impaired persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf to communicate by telephone through attendants or equipment at a service answering facility with persons having normal hearing and speech; and

WHEREAS, following public hearings, the Commission, (a) by Order dated February 13, 1990 adopted rules and regulations and (b) by Order dated April 3, 1990 adopted a cost recovery mechanism for the DPR service; and
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WHEREAS, the only public utility lawfully providing local exchange telephone service in the State of Delaware subject to commission jurisdiction is Diamond State Telephone Company (the "Company"); and

WHEREAS, as authorized by 26 Del.C. §220, the Company intends to enter into one or more contracts with service providers for the provision of dual party relay service, and has solicited bids therefor from potential service providers; and

WHEREAS, one of the potential service providers likely to bid is the Bell Atlantic Company, the corporate parent of the Company; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 3, 1990, the Commission recommended creation of a "Dual Party Relay Recommendations Board" to review the proposals submitted to the Company by prospective providers of dual party relay service and to make a recommendation as to the most appropriate service provider to be selected; and

WHEREAS, by the same letter the Commission recommended creation of a "Dual Party Advisory Board" consisting of individuals and groups which would, on an ongoing basis, promote the effective provision of dual party relay service in a manner ensuring the maximum benefit to speech or hearing impaired Delawareans;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order that:

Section 1.

(a) A Dual Party Relay Recommendations Board ("Recommendations Board") is hereby created to (a) review the proposals submitted to the Diamond State Telephone Company by prospective providers of dual party relay service and (b) make a recommendation as to the most appropriate service provider to be selected.

(b) The Recommendations Board shall consist of a representative of each of the following five agencies and organizations, to be designated by the chief executive or administrator of the agency or organization:

1. Office of Telecommunications Management
   State of Delaware
   Barrett Building
   821 Silver Lake Boulevard
   Dover, DE 19901

2. Council on Deaf Equality (CODE)
   707 Sudbury Road
   Wilmington, DE 19803

3. The National Law Center for Law & the Deaf
   800 Florida Avenue, N.E.
   Washington, D.C. 20002
4. Architectural Accessibility Board
   Carvel State Office Building
   820 N. French Street
   Wilmington, DE 19801

5. The Office of the Public Advocate
   Department of Community Affairs
   Carvel State Office Building (4th Fl.)
   820 N. French Street
   Wilmington, DE 19801

(c) The Recommendations Board shall have
existence until such time as the Diamond
State Telephone Company enters into a
contract or contracts with a service
provider or providers for the provision
of dual party relay telephone service in
Delaware.

Section 2.

(a) A Dual Party Relay Advisory Board
    ("Advisory Board") is hereby created to
advise the Diamond State Telephone
Company and the selected service
provider on an ongoing basis concerning
the effective provision of dual party
relay service in a manner which assures
the maximum benefit to those citizens of
Delaware who have hearing or speech
impairments.
(b) The Advisory Board will consist of a representative of each of the following eleven agencies, entities or organizations, to be designated by the chief executive or administrator of such agency, entity or organization:

1. Council on Deaf Equality (CODE)
   707 Sudbury Road
   Wilmington, DE 19803

2. Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. (SHHH)
   Delaware Chapter
   133 Devonshire Road
   Wilmington, DE 19803

3. Delaware Association of the DEAF (DAD)
   P.O. Box 8973
   Newark, DE 19714

4. Wilmington Club for the Deaf, Inc.
   620 South Van Buren Street
   Wilmington, DE 19805

5. Sterck School for the Deaf
   Margaret S. Sterck School for Hearing Impaired
   Junior National Association for the Deaf (JRNAD)
   620 Chestnut Hill Road
   Newark, DE 19713

6. Sterck School for the Deaf
   Margaret S. Sterck School for Hearing Impaired
   Parent and Teachers Assoc. (PTA)
   620 Chestnut Hill Road
   Newark, DE 19713

7. Del-Mar Sounds of Silence (SOS)
   10 North Church Avenue
   Milford, DE 19963

8. The Office of the Public Advocate
   Department of Community Affairs
   Carvel State Office Building (4th Fl.)
   820 N. French Street
   Wilmington, DE 19801
9. Office of Telecommunications Management  
State of Delaware  
Barrett Building  
821 Silver Lake Boulevard  
Dover, DE 19901

10. Diamond State Telephone Company

11. The Dual Party Relay Service Provider

(c) The Advisory Board shall continue in existence until the revocation, rescission or expiration of the Executive Order.

Section 3. In the event one or more of the above named agencies, organizations or entities named in Section 1 or Section 2 herein ceases to exist or function, or fails to designate a representative to serve on the Recommendations Board or Advisory Board, respectively, such event shall not affect the continued existence of that respective Board.

APPROVED this 26th day of April, 1990

[Signature]
Michael N. Castle, Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Michael E. Harkins
Secretary of State