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**NOTICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE (TRS) APPLICATIONS
FOR STATE CERTIFICATION ACCEPTED
PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENT ON TRS CERTIFICATION
APPLICATIONS
CC DOCKET NO. 98-67**

Comments Due: January 9, 2003

Reply Comments Due: January 27, 2003

Notice is hereby given that the states listed below have applied to the Commission for renewal of the certification of their State Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) program pursuant to Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 47 U.S.C. § 225 and the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §64.601-605. Current state certifications expire July 25, 2003. Applications for certification, covering the five year period of July 26, 2003 to July 25, 2008, must demonstrate that the state TRS program complies with the ADA and the Commission's rules for the provision of TRS.

File No: TRS-47-02

Commission for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired
State of Arkansas

File No: TRS-48-02

Commission of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired
State of Connecticut

File No: TRS-50-02

Florida Public Utilities Commission
State of Florida

File No: TRS-53-02

Maine Public Utilities Commission
State of Maine

File No: TRS-54-02

Michigan Public Service Commission
State of Michigan

File No: TRS-55-02

Mississippi Public Service Commission
State of Mississippi

File No: TRS-45-02

New Jersey Board of Utilities
State of New Jersey

File No: TRS-14-02

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
State of New Mexico

File No: TRS-58-02

Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission
State of Pennsylvania

File No: TRS-28-02

Telecommunications Regulatory Board
State of Puerto Rico

This notice seeks public comment on the above-referenced applications for TRS certification. Copies of applications for certification are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The applications for certification are also available on the Commission's web site at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/trs_by_state.html. They may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 44512th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

Interested parties may file comments in this proceeding no later than January 9, 2003. Reply comments may be filed no later than January 27, 2003. When filing comments, please reference CC Docket No. 98-67 and the relevant state file number of the state application that is being commented upon. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenter's must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenter's should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenter's should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenter's must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Services mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dutch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554.

Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette or via email in Microsoft Word. These diskettes should be submitted to: Erica Myers, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A432, Washington DC 20554. The e-mail should be submitted to Erica Myers at emyers@fcc.gov. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using Word 97 or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the commenter's name, proceeding (including the lead docket number in this case, CC Docket No. 98-67, type of pleading (comment or reply comment), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. The label should also include the following phrase "Disk Copy - Not an Original." Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file. In addition, commenter's must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY- B402, Washington, DC 20554.

This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 and 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, audio recording and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millin, of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418-7426, TTY (202) 418-7365, or e-mail at bmillin@fcc.gov. This *Public Notice* can also be downloaded in Text and ASCII formats at: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro>.

For further information regarding this Public Notice, contact Erica Myers, Federal Communications Commission, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office (202) 418-2429 (voice), (202) 418-0464 (TTY), or e-mail emyers@fcc.gov.