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THE CONSUMER & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU REMINDS TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS OF OBLIGATION TO DESIGNATE AGENT FOR COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE FCC

The purpose of this Public Notice is to remind telecommunications equipment manufacturers and telecommunications service providers subject to Section 255 of the Communications Act of 1934¹ of their obligation to designate an agent for service of informal and formal complaints received by the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"). The valid control number for compliance with the designation of points of contact information contained in these sections is 3060-0833.

On September 29, 1999, the Commission released a *Report and Order and Further Notice of Inquiry (Report and Order)*² that adopted regulations implementing Section 255, which requires telecommunications equipment manufacturers and service providers to ensure that their equipment and services are accessible to persons with disabilities, to the extent that it is readily achievable to do so. The regulations require, in part, that equipment manufacturers and service providers covered by Section 255 designate an agent for service of informal and formal complaints received by the Commission³. The designation shall include a name or department designation, business address, telephone number, and, if available, TTY number, facsimile number, and Internet e-mail address.

This designation or updated designation information may be sent to the Commission via e-mail to Section255_POC@fcc.gov or you can mail **1 copy only** to: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC Attn: Arlene Alexander, Room 6-A629.

Contact information for section 255 telecommunications equipment manufacturers is posted on the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau's website at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/section255_manu.html; contact information for telecommunications service providers is posted at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/service_providers.html; and contact information for affected colleges and universities is posted at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/section255_colleges.html. The

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 255; See 47 C.F.R. §§ 6.1 & 7.1.

² See *Implementation of Sections 255 and 251(a)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as enacted by the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Inquiry, WT Docket No. 96-198, FCC 99-181, 16 FCC Rcd. 6417 (Sept. 29, 1999) (*Report and Order*).

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 6.18 & 7.18.

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For further information regarding this *Public Notice*, contact Arlene Alexander, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office (202) 418-0581 (voice), (202) 418-0183 (TTY), or e-mail Arlene.Alexander@fcc.gov.

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