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NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION (NECA) SUBMITS THE PAYMENT FORMULA AND FUND SIZE ESTIMATE FOR INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES (TRS) FUND FOR JULY 2005 THROUGH JUNE 2006

CC Docket 98-67

Comments: May 13, 2005

Reply Comments: May 25, 2005

On April 25, 2005, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.604(c)(5)(iii)(H), the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Fund Administrator, submitted its annual payment formula and fund size estimate for the Interstate TRS Fund for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.¹

NECA proposes a carrier contribution factor of 0.00528, and a fund size requirement of \$413.3 million. NECA proposes per completed minute compensation rates of: \$1.312 for traditional TRS and for Internet Protocol (IP) Relay (compared to \$1.398 for the 2004-2005 fund year); \$1.579 for Speech-to-Speech (STS) (compared to \$1.596 for the 2004-2005 fund year); and \$5.924 for Video Relay Service (VRS) (compared to \$7.596 for the 2004-2005 fund year).

In the *2004 TRS Report and Order and FNPRM*, the Commission sought comment on whether the Commission should require the TRS Fund administrator to determine and propose separate compensation rates for IP Relay and traditional TRS.² NECA indicates that if the Commission did require separate compensation rates, NECA would propose an IP Relay rate of \$1.278, and a traditional TRS rate of \$1.440. We seek further comment on whether the Commission should adopt separate compensation rates for IP Relay and traditional TRS for the 2005-2006 fund year.

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before May 13, 2005, and reply comments on or before May

¹ *Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*, Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services Fund Payment Formula and Fund Size Estimate (filed April 25, 2005) (*2005 TRS Rate Filing*).

² *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket Nos. 90-571 and 98-67, CG Docket No. 03-123, 19 FCC Rcd 12475 at 12564-12565, ¶ 233 (June 30, 2004) (*2004 TRS Report and Order and FNPRM*).

25, 2005. All filings must reference **CC Docket 98-67**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. 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, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. 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, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." 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, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, electronic media, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings or electronic media filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 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 and electronic media mail sent by 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, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are subject to disclosure.

A copy of this document, NECA's submission and any subsequently filed documents in this matter will be available during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. This document, NECA's submission and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, BCPI, Inc. Customers may contact BCPI, Inc. at their website, www.bcpweb.com, or call 1-800-378-3160. A copy of the submission may also be found by searching on the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> (insert **CC Docket No. 98-67** into the Proceeding block).

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