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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF iTRS CERTIFICATION RULES AND TIMELINE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS

CG Docket No. 10-51

On July 28, 2011, the Commission released the *iTRS Certification Order* adopting new rules governing Commission certification of Internet-based telecommunications relay services (iTRS) providers for eligibility for compensation from the Interstate TRS Fund.¹ In the *iTRS Certification Order*, the Commission stated that the rules would become effective 30 days after the date of publication of a summary in the *Federal Register*, except for the rules containing information collections and requiring approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Commission stated that those rules would become effective upon publication of a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing such approval.

The *iTRS Certification Order* became effective on September 6, 2011,² except for those rules containing information collections and subject to OMB approval. The final rules containing information collections in the *iTRS Certification Order* became effective today, **November 4, 2011**, with the *Federal Register* publication of notice of OMB's approval of them.³ This *Federal Register* publication triggers any filing dates in the *iTRS Certification Order* that are tied to *Federal Register* notice of OMB approval of the rules containing information collections in the Second Report and Order portion of the *iTRS Certification Order*, or to effectiveness of the rules adopted in the Second Report and Order portion of the *iTRS Certification Order*.⁴

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¹ *Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program*, CG Docket No. 10-51, Second Report and Order and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 10898 (2011) (*iTRS Certification Order*).

² 76 FR 47469 and 76 FR 47476 (Aug. 5, 2011).

³ 76 FR 68328 (Nov. 4, 2011). We note that the interim rules adopted in the *iTRS Certification Order* became effective yesterday. 76 FR 68116 (Nov. 3, 2011). In addition, amendments to the documentation requirements adopted in the *iTRS Certification Order* are scheduled to become effective on Monday, November 7, 2011. See Office of the Federal Register, Electronic Public Inspection Desk, at <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection/index.html> (visited Nov. 4, 2011); see also *Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program*, CG Docket No. 10-51, Memorandum Report and Order, Order, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-155 (rel. Oct. 17, 2011).

⁴ See *iTRS Certification Order*, 26 FCC Rcd at 10922-23, paras. 59-61.