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COMMENT CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS TO REFRESH THE RECORD REGARDING MISUSE OF INTERNET PROTOCOL RELAY SERVICE

CG Docket Nos. 12-38 and 03-123

Comment Date: March 20, 2012

On February 13, 2012, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (“Bureau”) released a *Public Notice*¹ seeking to refresh the record on several issues pertaining to misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Relay Service, including issues that were initially raised in the *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* released by the Commission on May 8, 2006.²

The *Public Notice* was published in the *Federal Register* on February 28, 2012.³ Comments in response to the *Public Notice* are due on **March 20, 2012**.

FILING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated above. Comments may be filed: (1) by using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS); or (2) by filing paper copies. All filings should reference the docket numbers of this proceeding, CG Docket Nos. 12-38 and 03-123.

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments. In completing the transmittal screen, ECFS filers should include, at a minimum, their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and CG Docket Nos. 12-38 and 03-123.

¹ See *Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Seeks to Refresh the Record Regarding Misuse of Internet Protocol Relay Service*, Public Notice, CG Docket Nos. 12-38 and 03-123, DA 12-208, released February 13, 2012.

² *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Relay Services and Video Relay Services*, CG Docket No. 03-123, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 21 FCC Rcd 5478 (2006) (2006 FNPRM). To target this rulemaking proceeding on the reform of IP Relay service, the Commission establishes a new docket, CG Docket No. 12-38. Comments and filings applicable to this proceeding that have heretofore been filed in CG Docket No. 03-123 will be incorporated by reference into new CG Docket No. 12-38.

³ See 77 FR 11997, February 28, 2012.

- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes or boxes 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, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

In addition, parties must serve one copy of each pleading with the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, or via email to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

EX PARTE FILINGS

Pursuant to 47 CFR 1.1200 *et seq.*, this matter shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must: (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made; and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with § 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules. In proceedings governed by § 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information, contact Eliot Greenwald, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418-2235, email: Eliot.Greenwald@fcc.gov, or TTY: (202) 418-2922.

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