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## NOTICE OF APPROVAL FOR REAL-TIME TEXT REPORT AND ORDER REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

### CG Docket Nos. 15-178 and 16-145

On December 16, 2016, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) amended its rules to permit wireless service providers and equipment manufacturers to support real-time text (RTT) technology in lieu of continuing to support TTY technology.<sup>1</sup> In the *RTT Report and Order*, among other things, the Commission established RTT outreach guidelines and extended the requirements for service providers who were granted interim TTY rule waivers to provide notices to consumers and to file reports every six months.<sup>2</sup> These provisions resulted in new information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.<sup>3</sup> On December 21, 2017, notice was published in the *Federal Register* that the new information collection requirements were approved by the Office of Management and Budget.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology; Petition for Rulemaking to Update the Commission's Rules for Access to Support the Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology, and Petition for Waiver of Rules Requiring Support of TTY Technology*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 13568 (2016) (*RTT Report and Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 13604-06, paras. 72-74.

<sup>3</sup> Pub. L. No. 104-13, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified at 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3520). The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information without prior approval from the Office of Management and Budget. 5 CFR § 1320.5.

<sup>4</sup> Federal Communications Commission, *Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology*, 82 Fed. Reg. 60562 (Dec. 21, 2017).