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**consumer and governmental affairs bureau seekS comment on sorenson communications, llc petition for PARTIAL reconsideration of Video Relay Service Interoperability ORDER**

**CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123**

**Oppositions Due: [15 days after date of publication in the *Federal Register*]**

**Replies to Oppositions Due: [10 days after date oppositions are due]**

With this Public Notice, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) seeks comment on a petition filed by Sorenson Communications, LLC (Sorenson) for partial reconsideration of the *2017 VRS Interoperability Order*,[[1]](#footnote-2) or in the alternative, suspension of the deadline for compliance with the Relay User Equipment (RUE) Profile technical standard.[[2]](#footnote-3) Specifically, Sorenson requests that CGB reconsider the decision to require VRS providers to comply with the RUE Profile for communications with end-points using the Accessible Communications for Everyone (ACE) Application (ACE App).[[3]](#footnote-4) In the alternative, Sorenson requests that the deadline for provider compliance with the RUE Profile be suspended until certain alleged problems with the RUE Profile and the ACE App are resolved and a certified-compliant ACE App is available for testing.[[4]](#footnote-5) Sorenson also asks CGB to address its assertion that the RUE Profile and the ACE App rely on Sorenson patents and require appropriate licensing arrangements.[[5]](#footnote-6)

Pursuant to section 1.429 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR § 1.429, we invite interested parties to file and serve oppositions to the petition for partial reconsideration and replies to the oppositions on or before the dates specified above. All filings must reference CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123.

Oppositions and replies may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See* FCC, Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (May 1, 1998).

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  + All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., 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 and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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1. *See Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 32 FCC Rcd 687 (CGB 2017) (*2017 VRS Interoperability Order*). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Petition of Sorenson Communications, LLC for Partial Reconsideration, or in the Alternative, Suspension of the RUE Implementation Deadline, CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123 (filed May 30, 2017) (Sorenson Reconsideration Petition). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Sorenson Reconsideration Petition at 5, 13. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Sorenson Reconsideration Petition at 3, 18. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Sorenson Reconsideration Petition at 18-19. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)