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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR RULEMAKING BY SPRINT CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH A NEW RATEMAKING METHODOLOGY FOR IP RELAY SERVICE

CG Docket No. 03-123; RM-11820

Comment Date: December 7, 2018

Reply Comment Date: December 24, 2018

With this Public Notice, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on a petition for rulemaking filed by Sprint Corporation (Sprint) to establish a new ratemaking methodology for IP Relay service, a form of telecommunications relay service (TRS) supported by the Interstate TRS Fund.¹ The current three-year price-cap period for IP Relay service expires at the end of the 2018-19 telecommunications relay service (TRS) Fund Year.² Sprint proposes a hybrid rate methodology that is based on a combination of the Multistate Average Rate Structure (MARS) and provider costs to set future rates for IP Relay service.³

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document.⁴ All filings must reference CG Docket No. 03-123 and RM-11820. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁵

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- 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.

¹ Petition for Rulemaking of Sprint Corporation (filed Nov. 1, 2018), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1101203244827/Sprint%20IP%20Relay%20Rate%20Petition%20-%20REDACTED%20%5BAS%20FILED%5D%20-%202011.1.2018.pdf> (Sprint Petition). Sprint has redacted portions of the petition for which it requests confidential treatment. Access to the redacted material is governed by the Third Protective Order in this proceeding. See *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service*, Order and Third Protective Order, DA 18-751 (Jul. 20, 2018).

² Sprint Petition at 1.

³ Sprint Petition at 2.

⁴ 47 CFR §§ 1.405, 1.419.

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- 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 and 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 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
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Ex Parte Rules. The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁶ 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 rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 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.

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Additional Information. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Michael Scott, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at 202-418-1264 or by e-mail to Michael.Scott@fcc.gov.

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⁶ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*