**DA 20-1165**

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**Comment Sought on Amendment to Application of ClearCaptions, LLC for Certification As a Provider of IP CAptioned Telephone Service**

**CG Docket No. 03-123**

**Comment Date: November 5, 2020**

**Reply Comment Date: November 20, 2020**

The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on the amendment filed by ClearCaptions, LLC (ClearCaptions) to its application for certification to provide Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service supported by the TRS Fund and for waiver of certain Commission rules.[[1]](#footnote-3)

ClearCaptions has redacted portions of its application for which it requests confidential treatment. Access to the redacted material is governed by the Third Protective Order in this docket.[[2]](#footnote-4)

*Filing Requirements.* Interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document.[[3]](#footnote-5) All filings must reference CG Docket No. 03-123. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).[[4]](#footnote-6)

* 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.
  + All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to Secretary’s Office at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. 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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*Additional Information.* For further information regarding this Notice, please contact William Wallace, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at 202-418-2716 or by e-mail to [William.Wallace@fcc.gov](mailto:William.Wallace@fcc.gov).

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1. ClearCaptions Eighth Amendment to Internet-based TRS Certification Application, CG Docket No. 03-123 (filed Sept. 25, 2020) <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10925098207740/REDACTED_ClearCaptions%20IP%20CTS%20‌Application%20Eighth%20Amendment_FINAL.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *See Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service*; *Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program*; *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, CG Docket Nos. 13-24, 10-51, and 03-123, Order and Third Protective Order, 33 FCC Rcd 6802, 6803, para. 4 (CGB 2018). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *See* 47 CFR §§ 1.1, 1.49. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.* [↑](#footnote-ref-7)