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**COMMENT SOUGHT ON APPLICATION OF NEXTALK, INC.,  
FOR CERTIFICATION AS A PROVIDER OF INTERNET PROTOCOL CAPTIONED  
TELEPHONE SERVICE**

**CG Docket No. 03-123**

**Comments Due: March 17, 2022**

**Reply Comments Due: April 1, 2022**

The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on the application filed by NexTalk, Inc. (NexTalk), for certification to provide Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS) supported by the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Fund and for waivers of certain Commission rules.<sup>1</sup>

NexTalk 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.<sup>2</sup>

*Filing Requirements.* Interested parties may file comments on or before the dates indicated above.<sup>3</sup> All filings must reference CG Docket No. 03-123. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).<sup>4</sup>

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings>.
- Paper Filers:
  - Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
  - Filings can be sent, 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.
  - Currently, the Commission does not accept any hand delivered or messenger delivered filings as a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. In the event that the Commission announces the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, a filing window will be opened at the

<sup>1</sup> Internet-Based TRS Certification Application of NexTalk, Inc. to Provide Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR)-Only Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service, CG Docket No. 03-123 (filed February 7, 2022) (redacted), [https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10208159809413/TRS%20Application%202.7.22%20\(Redacted\).pdf](https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10208159809413/TRS%20Application%202.7.22%20(Redacted).pdf).

<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 1.1, 1.49.

<sup>4</sup> *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

Commission's office located at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701.<sup>5</sup>

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- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail may be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC 20554.
- During the time the Commission's building is closed to the general public and until further notice, if more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of a proceeding, paper filers need not submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number; an original and one copy are sufficient.

*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.<sup>6</sup> 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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<sup>5</sup> See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Red 2788 (OMD 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

<sup>6</sup> 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*