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## EFFECTIVE AND COMPLIANCE DATES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES RULES SUBJECT TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

CG Docket Nos. 03-123, 10-51, 13-24, and WC Docket No. 12-375

On June 30, 2022, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) released the *TRS*-*URD Grace Period Order*, which, among other things, adopted rules related to the registration of users in the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) User Registration Database for the Video Relay Service (VRS) and Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS).<sup>1</sup> On September 30, 2022, the Commission released the *2022 ICS Order*, which, among other things, established rules for access to all relay services eligible for TRS Fund support in certain carceral facilities.<sup>2</sup>

Certain of these rules resulted in modified information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.<sup>3</sup> On December 21, 2023, the Commission published a notice in the Federal Register announcing Office of Management and Budget approval of these modified information collection requirements, and establishing:

- December 21, 2023, for compliance with 47 CFR §§ 64.611(a)(4)(iii) and (iv) and 64.615(a)(6)(v) and (vi), for providers of VRS;
- December 21, 2023, as the effective date for amendments to 47 CFR § 64.611(k)(1)(i) through (iii); and,
- January 1, 2024, for compliance with 47 CFR § 64.6040(b)(2).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service; Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service; Petition for Rulemaking and Interim Waiver of Convo Communications, LLC, CG Docket Nos. 03-123, 10-51, and 13-24, Report and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Declaratory Ruling, 37 FCC Rcd 8107 (2022) (TRS-URD Grace Period Order).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, WC Docket No. 12-375. Fourth Report and Order and Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 37 FCC Rcd 11900 (2022) (2022 ICS Order).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pub. L. No. 104-13, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified at 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3520).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> FCC, VRS and IP CTS—Commencement of Pending User Registration; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 88 FR 88257 (Dec. 21, 2023).