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INTERCONNECTED VOIP NUMBERING AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION FILED BY CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS LLC DBA CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 52.15(g)(3) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket 25-1281

Comments Due: September 12, 2025

Clear Rate Communications LLC dba Clear Rate Communications Inc. (Clear Rate or Applicant), an interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider, filed a Numbering Authorization Application (Application) pursuant to section 52.15(g)(3) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, seeking authorization to obtain North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrator.² In its Application, Clear Rate seeks authority to access numbering resources throughout the United States and intends to initially request numbers in Michigan.³

In its Application and supplements Clear Rate includes the contact information and acknowledgements required by section 52.15(g)(3)(ii) of the Commission's rules. Clear Rate provides evidence that it will be capable of providing service within 60 days of the numbering resources activation date. Clear Rate also certifies that it complies with contribution, regulatory fee, and 911 obligations. In addition, Clear Rate certifies that is has the financial, managerial, and technical expertise to provide reliable service. Clear Rate further certifies that none of its key management and technical personnel are being or have been investigated by the Commission, or any law enforcement or regulatory agency, for failure to comply with any law, rule, or order.

Clear Rate also certifies that it will not use the numbers obtained pursuant to the authorization for

¹ We assign WC Docket No. 25-128 for this Application and all related filings by the applicant and interested parties. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Commencement Date and Process for Interconnected VoIP Providers to File Applications for Authorization to Obtain Telephone Numbers*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 949, 950 (WCB 2016); *see Numbering Policies for Modern Communications et al.*, WC Docket No. 13-97 et al., Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 38 FCC Rcd 8951 (2023) (updating the authorization process).

² See Application of Clear Rate Communications LLC dba Clear Rate Communications Inc. for Authorization to Obtain Numbering Resources, WC Docket No. 25-128 (filed Mar. 7, 2025), https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/filing/10306215176646 (Application); Supplement to the Application of Clear Rate Communications LLC dba Clear Rate Communications Inc. for Authorization to Obtain Numbering Resources, WC Docket No. 25-128 (filed Jun. 25, 2025), https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/filing/106250824318199 (Supplement); see also 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3).

³ See Application at 2; see also Numbering Policies for Modern Communications et al., Report and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 6839, 6850, para. 24 & n.74 (2015).

illegal robocalling, illegal spoofing, or otherwise fraudulent purposes. Clear Rate certifies that it has fully complied with all applicable STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication and robocall mitigation program requirements. Clear Rate certifies that it complies with the Commission's Access Stimulation rules and asserts it is compliant with FCC Form 499 and FCC Form 477 filing requirements. Clear Rate makes the necessary ownership disclosures and certifications as required under 47 CFR §§ 63.18(h) and (i). Finally, Clear Rate makes a declaration under penalty of perjury that all statements in the Application and any appendices are true and accurate.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Application identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any application, if upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies.

<u>Filing Requirements.</u> Interested parties may file comments **on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document.** Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

- *Electronic Filers*: Comments may be filed electronically by accessing ECFS at 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 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.
 - Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. 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 courier deliveries (any not sent by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
 - Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class Mail, Priority Main, and Priority Mail Express must be sent to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.
- *People with Disabilities*: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530.

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

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- 2) Margoux Newman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Margoux.Newman@fcc.gov;
- 3) Hannah Andrade, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Hannah.Andrade@fcc.gov.

4) Christi Shewman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Christi.Shewman@fcc.gov.

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.⁴ 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.

To allow the Commission to consider fully all substantive issues regarding the application in as timely and efficient a manner as possible, petitioners and commenters should raise all issues in their initial filings. New issues may not be raised in responses or replies.⁵ A party or interested person seeking to raise a new issue after the pleading cycle has closed must show good cause why it was not possible for it to have raised the issue previously. Submissions after the pleading cycle has closed that seek to raise new issues based on new facts or newly discovered facts should be filed within 15 days after such facts are discovered. Absent such a showing of good cause, any issues not timely raised may be disregarded by the Commission.

Please contact <u>DAA@fcc.gov</u>, Margoux Newman at <u>Margoux.Newman@fcc.gov</u>, Hannah Andrade at Hannah.Andrade@fcc.gov, or Christi Shewman at <u>Christi.Shewman@fcc.gov</u> for further information.

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⁴ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 et seq.

⁵ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).