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The Impact of
Internet-Enabled Services on TRS
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Paradigm Changes Noted
Exodus Towards IP & VRS by TTY Users
TRS Providers Rethinking TRS Definition
PSTN to Internet
Functional Equivalence Based on Senses
VRS a "natural" telecom conversation
VRS not an add-on value

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Paradigm Changes
Interpreter
From free-lance to desk-bound work
Internet Relay Easier for Those With Computers
No need to switch to TTY
Internet-Enabled Services Require Different Regulations
Unique challenges of Internet

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Internet-Enabled Service
Funding Issue
Interstate TRS Fund versus State TRS Fund
Bottom Line is no matter which funds it: Ratepayers ultimately pay
Federal Government should opt for most cost effective system to subsidize
Internet-enabled services

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Federal Subsidization Route
Multi-Vendoring Produces Constant Competitive Activities Among Vendors
Enable video and IP users choice of vendors
Users able to call anywhere in the USA
Most cost effective

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State Subsidization Route

Competition Only Happens Once With RFP Procedure

States Not Likely to Offer MV , Instead select only one vendor

Price Per Min Dependent on Historical Call Volume

States with small population will pay higher ppm

If States Adopt MV Costs likely much higher

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Spin-Off New Internet Features

Video Mail

Video Email

Instant Message

Pagers

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Conclusion

Internet-Enabled Services

VRS and IP Subsidized by National Fund

Should Have Special Regulations Separate from Traditional TRS

Functional Equivalence Based on Senses