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**Consumer and governmental affairs bureau seeks comment on**

**t-mobile USA, Inc. petition for clarification or, in the alternative reconsideration of the Commission’s real-time text order**

**CG Docket No. 16-145; GN Docket No. 15-178**

**Comments Date: [15 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register]**

**Reply Comments Date: [10 days after the time for filing comments has expired]**

With this Public Notice, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau or CGB) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) seeks comment on a petition for clarification or, in the alternative, reconsideration filed by T-Mobile USA, Inc. (T-Mobile).[[1]](#footnote-2) T-Mobile seeks clarification of the obligation, adopted by the Commission in its *Real-Time Text (RTT) Order*, for wireless carriers to deliver calls to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) using an Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESINet).[[2]](#footnote-3) Specifically, T-Mobile requests that the Commission clarify that it did not intend to change the way carriers deliver calls to PSAPs using an ESINet.[[3]](#footnote-4) To the extent the Commission intended to shift the burden of conversion of RTT to TTY from the ESINet to wireless carriers, T-Mobile alternatively seeks reconsideration of that determination and requests that the Commission refrain from placing this obligation on wireless carriers.[[4]](#footnote-5)

Pursuant to section 1.429 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR § 1.429, we invite interested parties to file and serve comments on the petition and reply comments on or before the dates specified above. All filings must reference CG Docket No. 16-145 and GN Docket No. 15-178.

Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

* Electronic Filers: Documents may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
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* All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 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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1. Petition of T-Mobile USA, Inc. for Clarification or, in the Alternative, Reconsideration, CG Docket No. 16-145; GN Docket No. 15-178 (filed Feb. 24, 2017), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/102231846629100/T-Mobile%20RTT%20Petition%20for%20Clarification%20(2-22-17)%20FINAL.pdf> (T-Mobile Petition). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *See* *Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology; Petition for Rulemaking to Update the Commission’s Rules for Access to Support the Transition from TTY to Real-Time Text Technology, and Petition for Waiver of Rules Requiring Support of TTY Technology*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 13568, 13593-94, paras. 46-47 (2016) (*RTT Order*). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. T-Mobile Petition at 5. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. *Id*. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)