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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON PURPLE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION OR WAIVER TO IMPLEMENT CALL FORWARDING SERVICE FOR INTERNET-BASED TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE USERS

CG Docket No. 10-51

Comments Due: July 16, 2010
Reply Comments Due: July 23, 2010

On June 2, 2010, Purple Communications, Inc. (Purple) filed a petition for clarification or waiver of rule 64.613(a), which it states will enable it to implement a call forwarding service for Internet-based Telecommunications Relay Service (iTRS) users.

Rule 64.613(a) states that the Numbering Directory shall contain records that map an iTRS user's telephone number to the user's Uniform Resource Identifier (URI).¹ The Commission established this rule in the *First Internet-based TRS Order*, as part of a numbering system to assign ten-digit telephone numbers linked to the North American Numbering Plan to individuals with hearing and speech impairments using Internet-based Video Relay Service (VRS) or IP Relay, in order to ensure that these users can be called in the same manner as voice telephone users.²

Purple seeks a clarification or a waiver of rule 64.613(a) to implement its "Follow Me" call forwarding feature for point-to-point calls, *i.e.*, calls between individuals with hearing or speech impairments that do not go through a relay service. Purple claims that in order to provide this feature, incoming calls must route to a Purple server, which then would "look[] up the consumer's call forwarding instructions, and accordingly, redirect[] such calls to the desired destination."³ Moreover, Purple would have to populate the iTRS Numbering Directory entry for the user's ten-digit telephone number "only with an URI that contains the IP Address of a Purple server, not the IP Address of the

¹ Purple Petition for Clarification or Waiver, CG Docket No. 10-51, at 1 (filed June 2, 2010) (Petition); *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 64.613(a). A URI specifies both how (the protocol) and where (the address) to access a resource on the Internet. *See Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, CG Docket No. 03-123; *E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers*, WC Docket No. 05-196, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 23 FCC Rcd 11591, 11612, n.132 (2008).

² *Id.* at 11592, 11610-18, paras. 1, 46-72.

³ Petition at 2.

consumer's primary video device."⁴ Purple argues that clarification of rule 64.613, or a waiver of the rule, to allow Purple to provide this feature to its users, is appropriate to further functional equivalency by facilitating point-to-point calls and provide a service already available to hearing users.⁵

Interested parties may file comments on the Purple Petition on or before **July 16, 2010** and reply comments on or before **July 23, 2010**. Filings in this proceeding should be captioned "Purple Call Forwarding Petition for Clarification or Waiver" and filed in **CG Docket No. 10-51**.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁶ Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of the proceeding, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking numbers. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

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Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission's ECFS. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

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⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.* at 5-8.

⁶ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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For further information, contact Heather Hendrickson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-7295.

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁸ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).