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**REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON PETITION FILED BY SPRINT CORPORATION, INC.
REGARDING ACCESS TO THE INTERNET BASED TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY
SERVICE NUMBERING DIRECTORY**

CG Docket Nos. 10-51 & 03-123, WC Docket Nos. 05-196 & 10-191

Comments: (15 days after date of publication in the Federal Register)

Reply Comments: (25 days after date of publication in the Federal Register)

On January 16, 2014, Sprint Corporation (Sprint) filed a petition¹ (Sprint Petition) requesting a limited waiver of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rule that restricts access to the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Numbering Directory to the TRS Numbering Administrator and Internet-based TRS providers.² Specifically, Sprint requests a waiver of this rule to allow Sprint, as a provider of Federal Relay services, to load telephone numbers for its federal video relay service (VRS), including "front door" toll-free numbers and ten-digit numbers into the TRS Numbering Directory.³ Sprint asserts that, because these numbers are not currently in the TRS Numbering Directory, federal employees who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and have been assigned a Federal VRS number are unable to make point-to-point video calls to other deaf or hard-of-hearing federal employees.⁴ Sprint further asserts that permitting these "front door" toll-free numbers and ten-digit numbers into the database will allow deaf and hard-of-hearing federal employees to make point-to-point video calls, increase the ability of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans to reach federal employees, and reduce the number of calls that must be supported by the Interstate TRS Fund.⁵

¹ Sprint Corporation, Petition for Limited Waiver, CG Docket Nos. 10-51 & 03-123, WC Docket Nos. 05-196 & 10-191 (filed January 16, 2014) (Sprint Petition).

² See 47 C.F.R. § 64.613(a)(4). On June 13, 2012, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau and the Wireline Competition Bureau *sua sponte* granted a waiver of Section 64.613(a)(4) for the limited purpose of allowing the current TRS Fund Administrator "read-only" access to the TRS Numbering Directory. See *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers; Internet-Based Telecommunications Relay Service Numbering*, CG Docket Nos. 03-123, 10-51, WC Docket Nos. 05-196, 10-191, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 6206 (2012).

³ Sprint Petition at 1.

⁴ *Id.* at 3.

⁵ *Id.* at 4-5.

Pursuant to Sections 1.429 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.429, we invite interested parties to file comments on the Sprint Petition and to file reply comments on or before the dates specified above. All filings must reference **CG Docket Nos. 10-51 & 03-123 and WC Docket Nos. 05-196 & 10-191**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings. Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and **CG Docket Nos. 10-51 & 03-123 and WC Docket Nos. 05-196 & 10-191**.

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A copy of this *Notice*, the Sprint Petition, and any subsequently filed documents in this matter will be available during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. Copies of this *Notice*, the Sprint Petition, and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor at its website, www.bcpweb.com, or by calling 1-800-378-3160. A copy of the submission may also be found by searching on ECFS (insert one or more of the above-referenced docket numbers into the Proceeding block).

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