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## CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU INVITES COMMENT ON VRS PROVIDERS' JOINT PETITION FOR WAIVER

CG Docket Nos. 03-123 and 10-51

**Comments Date: July 26, 2018**

**Reply Comments Date: August 10, 2018**

With this Public Notice, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites comment on a joint petition for waiver filed by five video relay service (VRS) providers: ASL Services Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Global VRS; Convo Communications, LLC; Purple Communications, Inc.; Sorenson Communications, LLC; and CSDVRS, LLC d/b/a ZVRS (collectively, VRS Providers).<sup>1</sup> The VRS Providers request a limited waiver of the Commission's rules to permit them to provide service to a new user, or to a user whose VRS telephone number has been ported from another provider, while that user's verification through the Telecommunications Relay Service User Registration Database (TRS-URD) is pending.<sup>2</sup>

*Filing instructions.* Interested parties may file comments and reply comments regarding the petition for waiver on or before the dates specified above. All filings must reference CG Docket Nos. 03-123 and 10-51.

- Electronic Filers: Comments and reply comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings>.<sup>3</sup>
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
  - Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, 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.
  - 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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<sup>1</sup> Joint Petition of VRS Providers for a Waiver, CG Docket Nos. 03-123 and 10-51 (filed June 20, 2018), [https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/106200478023232/2018-06-19%20Industry%20Waiver%20Petition%20\(FINAL\).pdf](https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/106200478023232/2018-06-19%20Industry%20Waiver%20Petition%20(FINAL).pdf) (Joint VRS Provider Petition).

<sup>2</sup> Joint VRS Provider Petition at 1.

<sup>3</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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*Ex parte rules.* This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.<sup>4</sup> 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 section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules.<sup>5</sup> In proceedings governed by section 1.49(f) of the rules 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).<sup>6</sup> Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules

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<sup>4</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* § 1.1206(b).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* § 1.49(f).