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**CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REQUEST
BY SORENSON COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR CLARIFICATION OR, IN THE
ALTERNATIVE, FOR WAIVER OF CERTAIN VIDEO RELAY SERVICE AND DIRECT
VIDEO CALLING RULES**

CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123

Comments Date: December 4, 2019

Reply Comments Date: December 19, 2019

The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on a request for clarification or waiver filed by Sorenson Communications, LLC (Sorenson).¹ Sorenson seeks clarification that enterprise and public videophones used to access video relay service (VRS) are not subject to the rule requiring the administrator of the Telecommunications Relay Service User Registration Database (Database) to remove the data of any user who has neither placed nor received a VRS or point-to-point call in a one-year period.² In the alternative, Sorenson seeks waiver of this requirement.³ Sorenson also seeks clarification that in instances where the all-call query (ACQ) function of the TRS Numbering Directory fails to validate a VRS user who is registered in the Database, a VRS provider may complete the VRS call and seek a waiver for compensation of such calls in certain circumstances.⁴ In addition, Sorenson requests clarification that point-to-point video calls are not subject to the ACQ rule.⁵ Finally, Sorenson seeks guidance on how a direct video calling (DVC) provider is to effectuate a transfer of a DVC call to VRS and on the form of on-screen menu option for DVC or VRS that may be provided to customers who call a single, unified DVC customer support number.⁶

¹ Sorenson Communications, LLC, Request for Clarification or, in the Alternative, for Waiver, CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123 (filed Oct. 23, 2019), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10230358829190/2019-10-23%20Request%20for%20Clarification.pdf> (Sorenson Request for Clarification).

² *Id.* at 1 (citing 47 CFR § 64.615(a)(3)(ii)(A)); see also *Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 34 FCC Rcd 3396, 3410-12, paras. 27-30 (2019) (*VRS and DVC Improvements Order*) (adopting registration and certification requirements for enterprise and public videophones).

³ Sorenson Request for Clarification at 1.

⁴ *Id.* at 1-2 (citing 47 CFR § 64.615(a)(1)).

⁵ *Id.* at 2.

⁶ *Id.* (citing *VRS and DVC Improvements Order*, 34 FCC Rcd at 3407, para. 19).

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document.⁷ All filings must reference CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁸

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
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⁷ See 47 CFR §§ 1.1, 1.45, 1.49.

⁸ *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

⁹ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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