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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION BY SORENSON COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR STAY OF THE RUE PROFILE AND VATRP COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS

CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123

Opposition Due Date: December 23, 2019

The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on a petition filed by Sorenson Communications, LLC (Sorenson) to stay the effectiveness of section 64.621(a)(3) of the Commission's rules.¹ Under this rule, which the Bureau adopted pursuant to delegated authority, video relay service (VRS) providers must ensure that their VRS access technologies and video communication service platforms are interoperable with the Video Access Technology Reference Platform (VATRP) in accordance with the Interoperability Profile for Relay User Equipment (RUE Profile).² The compliance deadline for this rule is April 29, 2020.³ Sorenson requests that the rule be stayed until the Bureau addresses Sorenson's Petition for Reconsideration of the Order adopting the RUE Profile.⁴

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file oppositions on or before the date indicated above.⁵ Replies to oppositions should not be filed and will not be considered.⁶ All filings must reference

¹ Sorenson Communications, LLC, Petition for Stay of the RUE Profile and VATRP Compliance Obligations, CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123 (filed Dec. 5, 2019), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1205988400733/FINAL%20Petition%20for%20Stay%20of%20RUE%20VATRP%2019.12.05.pdf> (Sorenson Petition for Stay).

² 47 CFR § 64.621(a)(3); *see 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, 32 FCC Rcd 687, 691, para. 10 (CGB 2017).

³ The initial compliance deadline of April 27, 2018 was extended by later Bureau orders. *See 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, Order, 33 FCC Rcd 4042 (CGB 2018) (extending the compliance deadline until April 29, 2019); *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, Order, 34 FCC Rcd 2222 (CGB 2019) (extending the compliance deadline until April 29, 2020).

⁴ Sorenson Petition for Stay at 2; *see also* Sorenson Communications, LLC, Petition for Partial Reconsideration, or in the Alternative, Suspension of the RUE Implementation Deadline, CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123 (filed May 30, 2017), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10530218217172/2017-05-30%20Sorenson%20Petition%20for%20Reconsideration%20re%20RUE%20Profile.pdf>.

⁵ *See* 47 CFR §§ 1.1, 1.45, 1.49.

⁶ 47 CFR § 1.45(d).

CG Docket Nos. 10-51 and 03-123. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁷

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- 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 Street, 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.
 - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
 - U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

Ex Parte Rules. The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁸ 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 rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) 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). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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Additional Information. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Michael Scott, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at 202-418-1264 or by e-mail to Michael.Scott@fcc.gov.

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⁷ *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

⁸ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*