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**COMMENT SOUGHT ON APPLICATION OF CC OPPORTUNITIES, LLC, AND  
CLEARCAPTIONS, LLC, FOR CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION AS A PROVIDER OF  
INTERNET PROTOCOL CAPTIONED TELEPHONE SERVICE**

**CG Docket No. 03-123**

**Comment Date: February 6, 2024**

**Reply Comment Date: February 16, 2024**

The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB or Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) seeks comment on the application of CC Opportunities, LLC, and ClearCaptions, LLC, for conditional certification as a provider of Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS).<sup>1</sup>

CC Opportunities proposes to acquire majority ownership and control of ClearCaptions.<sup>2</sup> Conditional certification would allow ClearCaptions, after acquisition by CC Opportunities, to remain eligible to receive compensation from the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Fund for providing IP CTS, on an interim basis pending the filing of, and Commission action on, an application for full certification that will be filed after CC Opportunities' proposed acquisition of ClearCaptions is consummated.<sup>3</sup>

CC Opportunities and ClearCaptions have redacted portions of their application for which they request confidential treatment. Access to the redacted material is governed by the Third Protective Order in this docket.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Application of CC Opportunities, LLC and ClearCaptions, LLC for Conditional Certification to Provide Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service, CG Docket No. 03-123 (filed Dec. 19, 2023) (Application), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/121966686766/1> (redacted).

<sup>2</sup> Application at 2.

<sup>3</sup> See Application at 4-9 (detailing proposed transaction); *Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Clarifies the Transferability of Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Provider Certification*, CG Docket No. 03-123, Public Notice, 23 FCC Rcd 10438 (CGB 2008) (clarifying that Commission certifications to provide TRS cannot be transferred, and if an acquiring entity is not already eligible to receive compensation from the TRS Fund, it must be certified before it can offer service for which it seeks compensation from the Fund).

<sup>4</sup> See *Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service; 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. 13-24, 10-51, and 03-123, Order and Third Protective Order, 33 FCC Rcd 6802, 6803, para. 4 (CGB 2018).

*Filing Requirements.* Interested parties may file comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document.<sup>5</sup> All filings must reference CG Docket No. 03-123. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).<sup>6</sup>

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings>.
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  - Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.
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  - 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 may be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC 20554.
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*Ex Parte Rules.* The proceeding this Public Notice initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s ex parte rules.<sup>8</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). In proceedings governed by section 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

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<sup>5</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 1.1, 1.49.

<sup>6</sup> See FCC, Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (May 1, 1998).

<sup>7</sup> See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788 (OMD 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

<sup>8</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*

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