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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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FCC TO HOLD WORKSHOP ON SOLUTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING TEN-DIGIT TELEPHONE NUMBERING FOR INTERNET-BASED TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES ON APRIL 29, 2008

Washington, DC – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced that it will hold a stakeholder workshop on solutions for implementing a ten-digit numbering plan for the Internet-based forms of telecommunications relay service (TRS), including Video Relay Service (VRS) and IP Relay.¹ The workshop will take place on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, and will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will continue into the afternoon. The workshop will take into account consumer perspectives, and will address technical and operational issues relating to the implementation and administration of a ten-digit numbering plan linked to the North American Numbering Plan for Internet-based TRS services.²

The workshop will be held at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room, and will be webcast live from the FCC's website at

¹ See *Telecommunications Relay Services And Speech-To-Speech Services For Individuals With Hearing And Speech Disabilities, E911 Requirements For IP-Enabled Service Providers*, CG 03-123, WC 05-196, Report and Order, 2008 WL 754912 (March 19, 2008) (establishing a timeframe for implementing a ten-digit numbering plan for Internet-based TRS services, and noting that the Commission will hold a stakeholder workshop on numbering issues).

² *Id.* The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau issued a Public Notice inviting interested parties to refresh the existing record on relay service numbering issues. Comments in response to this Public Notice are due on April 8, 2008, and reply comments are due on April 18, 2008. See *Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Seeks to Refresh Record on Assigning Internet Protocol (IP)-Based Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Users Ten-Digit Telephone Numbers Linked to North American Numbering Plan (NANP) and Related Issues*, CG Docket No. 03-123, Public Notice, DA 08-607 (Mar. 19, 2008); see also *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, CG Docket 03-123, Declaratory Ruling and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 21 FCC Rcd 5442, 5459-62, paras. 44-57 (May 9, 2006) (*Interoperability Declaratory Ruling and Further Notice*) (seeking comment on establishment of global database of proxy telephone numbers for VRS users).

www.fcc.gov/realaudio. More information, including an agenda for the workshop, will be provided in a forthcoming News Release.

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