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NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCATION (NECA) SUBMITS THE PAYMENT FORMULA AND FUND SIZE ESTIMATE FOR THE INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES (TRS) FUND FOR THE JULY 2007 THROUGH JUNE 2008 FUND YEAR

**CG Docket No. 03-123** 

Comments: May 16, 2007

Reply Comments: May 23, 2007

On May 1, 2007, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.604(c)(5)(iii)(H), the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Fund Administrator, submitted its annual payment formula and fund size estimate for the Interstate TRS Fund for the period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.<sup>1</sup>

NECA proposes per minute compensation rates based on alternative rate calculations for the various forms of TRS. These calculations result in proposed rates ranging from \$1.5601 to \$1.7225 for traditional TRS; \$2.4954 to \$3.3278 for Speech-to-Speech (STS); \$1.1002 to \$1.2268 for IP Relay; and \$4.3480 to \$6.4370 for video relay service (VRS). The alternative methodologies result in a proposed carrier contribution factor ranging form 0.0052 to 0.0075, and a Fund size requirement ranging from \$397.0 million to \$575.4 million. The Commission seeks comment on NECA's proposed compensation rates for traditional TRS, STS, IP Relay, and VRS for the period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, as well as the proposed carrier contribution factors and Fund size requirements.

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415 & 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **May 16, 2007**, and reply comments on or before **May 23, 2007**. All filings must reference **CG Docket No. 03-123**. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings.*<sup>2</sup> Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/cgb.ecfs/">http://www.fcc.gov/cgb.ecfs/</a> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services Fund Payment Formula and Fund Size Estimate (filed May 1, 2007) (2007 TRS Rate Filing).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 63 FR 24121 (1998).

e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to <a href="ecfs@fcc.gov">ecfs@fcc.gov</a>, and include the following words in the body of the message: "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

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Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette. These diskettes should be submitted, along with three paper copies, to: Diane Mason, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 3-A503, Washington D.C. 20554. Such submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using Word 97 or a compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the filer's name, proceeding (including the lead docket number in the case (**CG Docket No. 03-123**), type of pleading (comment or reply comment), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. The label should also include the following phrase: "Disk Copy – Not an Original." Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's duplicating contractor at Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-CB402, Washington, D.C. 20554.

A copy of this document, NECA's submission and any subsequently file documents in this matter will be available during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. This document, NECA's submission and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor at their website, <a href="https://www.bcpiweb.com">www.bcpiweb.com</a>, or call 1-800-378-3160. A copy of the submission may also be found by searching on the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <a href="http://www.fcc.gov.cgb/ecfs">http://www.fcc.gov.cgb/ecfs</a> (insert CG Docket No. 03-123 into the Proceeding block).

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