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COMMENT SOUGHT ON PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF THE COMMISSION'S JANUARY 1, 2024 DEADLINE TO OFFER TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

WC Docket Nos. 23-62 and 12-375

Oppositions Due: November 13, 2023

Replies Due: November 20, 2023

The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) and the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seek comment on a petition by Securus Technologies, LLC (Securus), for a partial waiver of section 64.6040(b)(2) of the Commission's rules.¹ Securus seeks a one-year extension of the January 1, 2024 deadline for providers of incarcerated people's communications services to make all forms of telecommunications relay services (TRS) available at correctional facilities covered by the rule.

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments on Securus's petition on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document.² All filings must reference WC Docket Nos. 23-62 and 12-375. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).³

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings>.
- Paper Filers:
 - 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.
 - 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.

¹ Securus Technologies, LLC, Petition for Partial Waiver of the January 1, 2024 Deadline to Offer Advanced Forms of Telecommunications Relay Services at Correction Facilities, WC Docket Nos. 23-62 and 12-375, <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/1019636708692/1> (Securus Petition for Waiver); 47 CFR § 64.6040(b) (requiring Incarcerated Persons Communications Services (IPCS) providers serving certain correctional facilities to provide access to any form of TRS, beginning January 1, 2024).

² See 47 CFR §§ 1.1, 1.45, 1.49.

³ *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.⁴
- 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.

Ex Parte Requirements. The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁵ 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.

Accessible Materials. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530.

Additional Information. For further information, please contact Michael Scott at (202) 418-1264 or by e-mail at Michael.Scott@fcc.gov. Individuals who use videophones and are fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) may call the FCC’s ASL Consumer Support Line at (844) 432-2275.

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⁴ See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788 (OMD 2020).

⁵ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*