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**REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON PETITION FILED BY SPRINT CORPORATION  
FOR RECONSIDERATION  
OF THE COMMISSION'S INTERNET PROTOCOL RELAY RATE ORDER**

**CG Docket Nos. 03-123 & 10-51**

**Comments: December 5, 2013**

**Reply Comments: December 12, 2013**

On July 31, 2013, Sprint Corporation (Sprint) filed a petition (Sprint Reconsideration Petition)<sup>1</sup> requesting reconsideration of the *2013 Rate Order*,<sup>2</sup> including a request for immediate suspension of the Internet Protocol Relay (IP Relay) compensation rate adopted in the *2013 Rate Order*.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, Sprint claims that the rates established by the *2013 Rate Order* are too low to ensure high quality service.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, Sprint contends that the rapid exodus of three of the five IP Relay providers from the marketplace appears to be evidence of inadequate compensation of providers for their provision of IP Relay services, and argues that the departure of these providers renders the Commission's rate calculations obsolete.<sup>5</sup> Sprint further expresses concern that only an adequate compensation rate will retain the two remaining providers, that the consumer benefits of competition would be lost if one of the providers withdraws,<sup>6</sup> and that if both providers left the market, consumers would be deprived of important IP Relay services completely.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Petition for Reconsideration of Sprint Corporation, CG Docket Nos. 03-123 and 10-51 (filed July 31, 2013) (Sprint Reconsideration Petition).

<sup>2</sup> *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program*, CG Docket Nos. 03-133 and 10-51, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 9220 (July 1, 2013) (*2013 Rate Order*).

<sup>3</sup> Similar concerns were previously discussed by Sprint in two *Ex Parte* submissions, which were submitted on July 26, 2013 and November 8, 2013. See *Ex Parte* Submissions of Sprint Corporation on filed July 26, 2013 at page 1 and filed on November 8, 2013).

<sup>4</sup> Sprint Reconsideration Petition at 8-9.

<sup>5</sup> Sprint Reconsideration Petition at 2, 3-6.

<sup>6</sup> Sprint Reconsideration Petition at 6-11.

<sup>7</sup> Sprint Reconsideration Petition at 10-11.

Sprint asks for a rate that offers IP Relay providers reasonable regulatory certainty,<sup>8</sup> and seeks a reinstatement of the rate of \$1.2855 per minute until the Commission is able to analyze recent developments in the IP Relay market and adopt a rate that adequately compensates IP Relay providers.<sup>9</sup>

Pursuant to section 1.429 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.429, we invite interested parties to file comments on the Sprint Reconsideration Petition and to file reply comments on or before the dates specified above. All filings must reference **CG Docket Nos. 03-123 & 10-51**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings. Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2>. 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 **CG Docket Nos. 03-123 & 10-51**.

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 one additional copy 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. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., 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 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 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

A copy of this Notice, the Sprint Reconsideration Petition and any subsequently filed documents in this matter will be available during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. This Notice, the Sprint Reconsideration Petition and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor at its website, [www.bcpiweb.com](http://www.bcpiweb.com), or call 1-800-378-3160. A copy of the submission may also be found by searching on ECFS (insert **CG Docket Nos. 03-123 & 10-51** into the Proceeding block).

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<sup>8</sup> Sprint Reconsideration Petition at 11-14.

<sup>9</sup> Sprint Reconsideration Petition at 1, 14.