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Correct link to Public Notice (PN) seeking comment on the use of VRS through new technologies including mainstream, "off-the-shelf" mobile devices

On February 17, 2011, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) released the attached Public Notice seeking comment on the use of VRS through new technologies including mainstream, "off-the-shelf" mobile devices. In the *VRS Structure and Practices Notice of Inquiry (NOI)*, which sought comment on VRS reform, the Commission requested information on a number of issues concerning the provision of off-the-shelf video equipment, including the extent to which such equipment is available and affordable to VRS consumers, the extent to which this equipment can serve as an acceptable substitute for videophone equipment and software specifically designed for VRS users, and the extent to which changes in the VRS program are needed to allow consumers to use such equipment for VRS calls. Given the recent proliferation of these video technologies, the Bureau requests that interested parties provide additional information and comment on the specific functionalities of these devices as they relate to the provision and use of VRS. Comments are due 30 days after this Public Notice publishes in the Federal Register, and Reply comments are due 45 days after publication.

The following are links to the Public Notice:

http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0217/DA-11-317A1.doc

http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0217/DA-11-317A1.pdf

http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0217/DA-11-317A1.txt