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On August 8, 2014, the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau issued a Public Notice affirming the applicability of the Commission's Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS) user registration and certification requirements following a ruling of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on June 20, 2014. The court's decision vacated the Commission's interim rules for IP CTS that were adopted in early 2013 in their entirety as well as the Commission's final rules adopted in August of 2013 for new IP CTS users to pay a minimum of \$75 for equipment and for captions to be defaulted to off prior to each call. The Public Notice explains the registration and certification requirements still in effect after the court's decision for four categories of IP CTS users: (1) Users who enrolled with an IP CTS provider prior to March 7, 2013; (2) Users who enrolled with an IP CTS provider on or after to March 7, 2013, and before the date of the court's mandate and before the effective date of the final registration and certification rule; and (4) Users who enrolled with an IP CTS provider on or after the final registration and certification rule.

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Link to the Public Notice:

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