

Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015
Subject: CC Grants Limited Waiver from TTY Technology Support Rules for AT&T, to Permit Transition to Real-Time Text/Other Accessibility Technologies

On October 6, 2015, four FCC Bureaus (Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Wireline Competition Bureau) granted AT&T a limited, temporary waiver from the FCC's rules requiring support for TTY technology for IP-based wireless services, such as Wi-Fi calling. This waiver will allow for expedited development and deployment of alternative accessibility solutions for IP-based wireless networks, and will not impact current TTY capabilities on the older (legacy) telephone network.

The waiver is subject to the following specific conditions:

1. AT&T must inform customers:
 - a. That TTY technology will not be supported for calls to 911 services over IP-based wireless services, and
 - b. About alternative text-based telephone solutions for consumers, including solutions to call 911.
2. Every six months, AT&T must file a report with the Commission regarding AT&T's progress toward the deployment of new IP-based wireless accessibility solutions, such as RTT.

This waiver expires December 31, 2017, or upon the effective date of rules requiring new IP-based wireless accessibility solutions, such as real-time text (RTT), whichever is earlier. Other carriers may apply for similar waivers, and, if granted, will be subject to the same conditions.

Links to the Order:

Word: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-15-1141A1.docx
PDF: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-15-1141A1.pdf
Text: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-15-1141A1.txt
Webpage: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/tty-rtt-transition-waiver-att>

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