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**INTERNET PROTOCOL CAPTIONED TELEPHONE SERVICE:  
EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDED RULES AND COMMENT CYCLE FOR FURTHER  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**CG Docket Nos. 13-24 and 03-123**

**Comment Date: April 15, 2019**

**Reply Comment Date: April 29, 2019**

On February 15, 2019, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) released a Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order to improve Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS), enhance IP CTS program management, and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.<sup>1</sup> The Report and Order and adopted rules become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup> For the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), the Commission established filing deadlines of 30 days for comments and 45 days for reply comments, after publication in the Federal Register.<sup>3</sup>

On March 8, 2019, a summary of the Report and Order was published in the Federal Register.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, the Report and Order and adopted rules are effective April 8, 2019.<sup>5</sup> On March 14, 2019, a summary of the FNPRM was published in the Federal Register.<sup>6</sup> Accordingly, comments pertaining to the FNPRM must be filed on or before April 15, 2019, and reply comments must be filed on or before April 29, 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> *Misuse of Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order, FCC 19-11 (Feb. 15, 2019) (*IP CTS Improvements and Program Management Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 27, para. 62.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 26, para. 58.

<sup>4</sup> FCC, *IP CTS Improvements and Program Management*, 84 Fed. Reg. 8457 (Mar. 8, 2019).

<sup>5</sup> 47 CFR §§ 64.611(j)(2) and 64.615(a)(3), (5) contain new or modified information collection requirements that require review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. *See* Pub. L. No. 104-13, 109 Stat 163 (1995) (codified at 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3520). The compliance date of those information collections will be announced in a document published in the Federal Register after the Commission receives OMB approval. *IP CTS Improvements and Program Management Order* at 27, para. 62.

<sup>6</sup> FCC, *IP CTS Improvements and Program Management*, 84 Fed. Reg. 9276 (Mar 14, 2019).

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