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I would like to understand why the FCC has been holding up the approval of wifi calling on the Apple iPhone through ATT just because ATT now wants to use RTT (Real Time Text) instead of the older and now obsolete TTY (Teletype) for accessibility features. The use of RTT in text messaging has been used for quite some time now and has demonstrated that it is superior to TTY.

Also, the wifi calling feature on the iPhone has been available through several carriers now for almost a year already (T-mobile, Sprint, EE, etc.)

The holdup of approving the wifi calling feature for ATT is causing consumers, such as myself, to want to switch to T-mobile or Sprint with our iPhones in order to take advantage of the feature. I believe that this is an artificial and undesirable impediment to fair competition, because it is not based on a company's choice of whether or not to implement the feature, but rather the FCC's bureaucracy which is delaying the implementation of the feature for it's customers. Mobile and Landline usage of accessibility features do not need to be treated the same by the FCC because mobile phones are self-contained hardware/software/networking units while land-line phones mostly need extra equipment (i.e. TTY equipment) to function in this capacity.