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COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES ESTABLISHED FOR NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING IN THE MATTER OF E911 REQUIREMENTS FOR IP-ENABLED SERVICE PROVIDERS

WC DOCKET NO. 05-196

Comments Due: August 15, 2005
Reply Comments Due: September 12, 2005

On June 3, 2005, the Commission released the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in WC Docket No. 05-196 (*NPRM*).¹ In the *NPRM*, the Commission sought comment on what additional steps it should take to ensure that providers of VoIP services that interconnect with the nation's PSTN provide ubiquitous and reliable E911 service. A summary of the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on June 29, 2005, triggering the cycle for comments and reply comments.²

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. Other requirements pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.³

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before August 15, 2005 and reply comments on or before

¹ *IP-Enabled Services*, WC Docket No. 04-36, *E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers*, WC Docket No. 05-196, First Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-116 (rel. June 3, 2005). Together with the *NPRM*, the Commission adopted the *First Report and Order* in WC Docket No. 04-36 (*Order*). In the *Order*, the Commission established rules requiring providers of interconnected voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) – meaning VoIP service that allows a user generally to receive calls originating from and to terminate calls to the public switched telephone network (PSTN) – to provide enhanced 911 (E911) capabilities to their customers as a standard feature of the service, rather than as an optional enhancement. *See id.* As discussed in the *Order*, the effective date for the new information collection requirements set forth in the *Order* is subject to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. *See id.* at para. 73. The Commission has requested OMB approval on an expedited basis pursuant to emergency request. *See* 70 Fed. Reg. 37,403 (June 29, 2005). The Commission will release an additional Public Notice announcing OMB's disposition of the Commission's emergency request.

² 70 Fed. Reg. 37,307 (June 29, 2005).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

September 12, 2005. All filings related to this *NPRM* should refer to WC Docket No. 05-196. The Commission has incorporated the comments and *ex parte* presentations in WC Docket No. 04-36 into WC Docket No. 05-196. Commenters need not resubmit material previously filed in WC Docket No. 04-36. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Janice Myles, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-C140, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to janice.myles@fcc.gov. Parties must also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Documents in WC Docket Nos. 04-36 and 05-196 are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com.

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