

I propose that the FCC mandate that users of videophone systems used by Deaf consumers be an equivalent service part of same type of system used with voice telephones. All relevant devices and services (videophones, voice phones, captioned telephones, relay services, etc.) should be connected to the 10 digit phone numbering system and database, and all users should be able to connect directly to each other without any extensions, special telephone numbers, or internet IP addresses. Such a requirement would bring Deaf and hard of hearing telecommunications users closer to the functional equivalency enjoyed by hearing users. Thank you.