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By electronic filing:

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte Presentation**
CG Docket No. 03-123

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 14, 2007, Sean Belanger and Chris Wagner of CSDVRS and Karen Peltz Strauss of Communication Service for the Deaf met with various employees of the FCC to discuss the merits of a tiered rate methodology and a uniform numbering system for video relay services. Meetings were held with Ian Dillner of the office of Chairman Martin and Thomas Chandler and Nicole McGinnis of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. All arguments concerning a tiered rate have already been presented and thoroughly briefed in the above-referenced docket. It was pointed out that a uniform and universal numbering system would have three immediate benefits: 1) enable people who use sign language to communicate peer-to-peer without having to know each individual's dynamic IP address or the VRS provider that each individual is using; 2) enable public safety answering points (PSAPs) to return emergency calls that drop off or are not identified by the caller; and 3) reduce the use of VRS by hearing parents who currently are unable to communicate directly with their deaf children who have VP 100s or VP 200s (resulting in a savings to the Internet TRS fund). The latter is a problem because these parents are unable to acquire these video devices and it is difficult, if not impossible for them to call their children via dynamic IP addresses. It was suggested that while the FCC is working through a uniform numbering system under the North American Numbering Plan, as an interim solution, it should direct any providers with a closed lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP) to open those directories to all VRS users and providers.

Sincerely,

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