

Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CG Docket Nos. 03-123 and 10-51

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners Copps, McDowell, Clyburn, and Baker,

With the proposed rate decrease from the FCC and NECA, it is imperative that our voices be heard. This new rate would mean the end of communication for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing as we know it and put them back into using limited forms of communication; such as, a TTY.

With the proposed rate plans, the larger companies are basically being punished for developing new technology to advance the lives of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing population in a way that benefits the access of communication within our society. The small companies would remain small as there is no incentive to grow, diversify, and develop new and more efficient technology. The small companies do not have the capacity to serve the population that is being served today. The medium and large companies would be extremely limited assuming they would be able to keep their doors open and the development of new technology would be an afterthought.

The United States has always been the land of opportunity and your proposal would drastically limit a large portion of the population to whom the opportunity was there, but then abruptly taken away. The goal of the Americans with Disabilities Act was to provide functional equivalency for all Americans and this decision would demolish that equivalency.

Please continue to fund VRS at the current 2007-2010 rates.

Sincerely,