



May 5, 2011

Ex Parte Notice

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

Re: *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, CG Docket No. 03-123; *E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers*, WC Docket No. 05-196; *Internet-Based Telecommunications Relay Service Numbering*, WC Docket No. 10-191

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 4, 2011, on behalf of Sorenson Communications, I met with William Dever, Chief, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Carol Simpson, Deputy Division Chief, Competition Policy Division, Heather Hendrickson and Richard Hovey, both of the Competition Policy Division regarding the above-referenced proceeding. The points I made were previously set forth in Sorenson's comments and reply comments. During the meeting, I stated that should the Commission adopt the NPRM's proposal to require deaf or hard-of hearing consumers to obtain toll-free numbers – and to pay for toll free service – from a toll-free service provider, the Commission should not prohibit VRS or IP Relay providers from making a business decision to become a toll-free service provider. As Sorenson stated in its comments, such a restriction would be unreasonably discriminatory and contrary to Section 225, especially because some existing VRS providers are also toll-free service providers and Section 225 contemplates that TRS is a service common carriers are required to provide. I also stated that the proposal was consumer-unfriendly, and will be disruptive to consumers to implement. Nonetheless, I reiterated that Sorenson will implement whatever rule the Commission ultimately adopts.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

John T. Nakahata

Counsel to Sorenson Communications, Inc.

cc: William Dever
Carol Simpson
Heather Hendrickson
Richard Hovey