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Commission Secretary:

The Voter Participation Center is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to registering eligible voters, particularly unmarried women, minorities and young people (collectively "the Rising American Electorate"), and encouraging them to vote. We understand that many voters are receiving spam text messages from an organization that they do not recognize or support. Although a text message may seem inconsequential, these individual messages have a real cost: both financially and in terms of how voters view the electoral process.

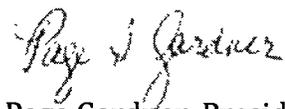
Most members of the Rising American Electorate must pay for their own mobile phone service, which includes text messaging. Although some may have unlimited text messaging packages, many of our followers may not, and are forced to cover the cost for these unsolicited messages. These abuses disproportionately impact low-income families, students, minorities and other groups because a higher proportion of these communities tend to use a mobile phone as their only phone.

Additionally, these text message abuses threaten to sour voters on what is a very promising technology. Currently, text messaging is a low-cost way for us to reach out to our constituency and to reach out to voters in general; particularly younger voters who do not necessarily watch television advertising and often are more responsive to text messaging and other forms of technology.

We work to ensure that only the members of the Rising American Electorate who want to receive text messaging will receive these messages from us. We understand that there are legal ways to opt these individuals in, and for anonymous organizations to ignore these regulations is a slap in the face to groups like ours that respect our followers and these rules, and we believe that spam text messaging should not go unpunished.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,



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## CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR AN EXPEDITED CLARIFICATION AND DECLARATORY RULING FROM REVOLUTION MESSAGING, LLC

CG Docket No. 02-278

**Comments Due: November 23, 2012**  
**Reply Comments Due: December 10, 2012**

With this Public Notice, we seek comment on the petition for an expedited clarification and declaratory ruling filed by Revolution Messaging, LLC.<sup>1</sup> Revolution Messaging asks the Commission to clarify that the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)<sup>2</sup> and the Commission's related rules<sup>3</sup> apply to users of Internet-to-phone text messaging technology and similar technologies involving the storage and automatic dialing of wireless telephone numbers.<sup>4</sup> Revolution Messaging states that such a ruling would make clear that Internet-to-phone text messaging technology is a type of "automatic telephone dialing system" under the Commission's rules and is therefore subject to the prohibitions in the TCPA and the Commission's related rules.<sup>5</sup>

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules,<sup>6</sup> interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the respective dates indicated on the first page of this Notice. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). 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://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.

<sup>1</sup> See Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02-278, filed by Revolution Messaging, LLC on Jan. 19, 2012 (*Petition*).

<sup>2</sup> Codified as 47 U.S.C. § 227.

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200.

<sup>4</sup> *Petition* at 1, 10-14.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 15-16.

<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419

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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>7</sup> Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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<sup>7</sup> *Id.* §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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