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COMMENT SOUGHT ON APPLICATION OF BOND COMMUNICATIONS, INC, FOR CERTIFICATION TO PROVIDE VIDEO RELAY SERVICE

CG Docket Nos. 03-123 and 10-51

Comments Due: August 28, 2024

Reply Comments Due: September 12, 2024

The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on the application filed by Bond Communications, Inc. (Bond), for certification to provide Video Relay Service (VRS) supported by the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Fund.¹

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments on or before the dates indicated above.² All filings must reference CG Docket Nos. 03-123 and 10-51. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).³

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
 - Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S.
 Postal Service. All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary,
 Federal Communications Commission.
 - Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD, 20701. 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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¹ Application of Bond Communications, Inc, for Certification to Provide Video Relay Service, CG Docket Nos. 03-123, 10-51 (filed May 29, 2024), https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/10529075858473/1.

² See 47 CFR §§ 1.1, 1.49.

³ Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

Ex Parte Rules. The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules.⁴ 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 section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules. 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).⁵ Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's ex parte rules.

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Additional Information. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Joshua Mendelsohn, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at 202-559-7304 or Joshua.Mendelsohn@fcc.gov.

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⁴ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 et seq.

⁵ *Id.* § 1.1206(b).