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File No: TRS-02-02

Arizona Council for Hearing Impaired,
State of Arizona

File No: TRS-23-02

Colorado Public Utilities Commission,
State of Colorado

File No: TRS-32-02

State of Delaware Public Service
Commission, State of Delaware

File No: TRS-22-02

Hawaii Public Utilities Commission,
State of Hawaii

File No: TRS-03-02

Iowa Utilities Board, State of Iowa

File No: TRS-37-02

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
State of Ohio

File No: TRS-33-02

Maryland Department of Budget and
Management, State of Maryland

File No: TRS-04-02

Virginia Public Service Commission,
State of Virginia

File No: TRS-01-02

Wisconsin Department of
Administration, State of Wisconsin

File No: TRS-18-02

Wyoming Department of
Administration, State of Wyoming

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket 98-67; DA 02-2760]

Notice of Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Applications for State Certification Accepted Pleading Cycle Established for Comment on TRS Certification Applications

AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to notify the public, state Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) programs, and TRS providers that TRS applications for certification have

been accepted and that the pleading cycle for comments and reply comments regarding these applications has been established.

DATES: Interested parties may file comments in this proceeding no later than December 16, 2002. Reply comments may be filed no later than December 31, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding this public notice, contact Erica Myers, (202) 418-2429 (voice), (202) 418-0464 (TTY), or e-mail emyers@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice seeks public comment on the above-referenced applications for TRS certification. Copies of applications for certification are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The applications for certification are also available on the Commission's web site at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/trs_by_state.html. They may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

When filing comments, please reference CC Docket No. 98-67 and the relevant state file number of the state application that is being commented upon. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24,121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should

include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Services mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554.

Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette or via email in Microsoft Word. These diskettes should be submitted to: Erica Myers, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 5-C212, Washington DC 20554. The e-mail should be submitted to Erica Myers at emyers@fcc.gov. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using Word 97 or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the commenter's name, proceeding (including the lead docket number in this case, CC Docket No. 98-67, type of pleading (comment or reply comment), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. The label should also include the following phrase "Disk Copy—Not an Original." Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file. In addition, commenters must send

diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554.

This proceeding shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 CFR 1.1200 and 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 CFR 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1206(b).

Alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, audio recording and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millin, of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418-7426, TTY (202) 418-7365, or e-mail at bmillin@fcc.gov. This *Public Notice* can also be downloaded in Text and ASCII formats at: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro>.

Synopsis

Notice is hereby given that the states listed below have applied to the Commission for renewal of the certification of their State Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) program pursuant to Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 47 U.S.C. 225 and the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 64.601-605. Current state certifications expire July 25, 2003. Applications for certification, covering the five year period of July 26, 2003 to July 25, 2008, must demonstrate that the state TRS program complies with the ADA and the Commission's rules for the provision of TRS.

File No: TRS-52-02

Kentucky Public Service Commission,
State of Kentucky

File No: TRS-56-02

Telecommunications Access Service,
State of Montana

File No: TRS-25-02

Dept. of Employment, Training and
Rehabilitation, State of Nevada

File No: TRS-30-02

Department of Health and Human
Services, State of North Carolina

File No: TRS-13-02

Louisiana Relay Administration Board,
State of Louisiana

File No: TRS-40-02

Nebraska Public Service Commission,
State of Nebraska

File No: TRS-42-02

New Hampshire Public Service
Commission, State of New Hampshire

File No: TRS-36-02

Oregon Public Utilities Commission,
State of Oregon

File No: TRS-20-02

Tennessee Regulatory Authority, State
of Tennessee

File No: TRS-44-02

Department of Public Service, State of
Vermont

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[WT Docket No. 02-46; DA 02-2666]

Report on Technical and Operational Wireless E911 Issues

AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Notice; comment invited.

SUMMARY: The Commission seeks comment on a Report on Technical and Operational Issues Impacting the Provision of Wireless Enhanced 911 Services by Dale N. Hatfield (the Hatfield Report). The Commission will use the information in the Hatfield Report and in the comments it receives to assess enhanced emergency 911 services deployment issues and consider methods to overcome any obstacles and accelerate deployment.

DATES: Comments are due on or before November 15, 2002, and reply comments are due on or before December 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. A copy should also be sent to Jennifer Salhus, Room 3A-131, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Salhus and Won Kim, Attorney,
(202) 418-1310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau invites the public to comment on a Report on Technical and Operational Issues Impacting the Provision of Wireless Enhanced 911 Services by Dale N. Hatfield filed on October 15, 2002 (the Hatfield Report). The Commission will use the information in the Hatfield Report and in the comments it receives to assess enhanced emergency 911 services (E911) deployment issues and consider methods to overcome any obstacles and accelerate deployment.

2. In a series of orders beginning in 1996, the Commission required wireless carriers to provide both basic and enhanced emergency 911 services. The Commission has recognized that despite substantial progress to date in the development of the technologies to support E911 location capability, much remains to be done to achieve the Commission's fundamental goal of having wireless E911 location capabilities deployed throughout the country.

3. In the fall of 2001, the Commission announced that Dale N. Hatfield, former Chief of the Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology, would conduct an inquiry into technical and operational issues with wireless E911 deployment.

4. On March 5, 2002, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (the Bureau) released a Public Notice announcing the details of the inquiry. The Bureau noted that the purpose of the inquiry was to obtain an expert, informed, unbiased assessment of the technical and operational issues that affect wireless E911 deployment. The Bureau stated that information would be gathered and evaluated from many sources, including from technology vendors, network equipment and handset manufacturers, carriers, the public safety community, and other sources concerning technology standards issues, development of hardware and software, and supply conditions. The inquiry was also intended to address the provisioning by Local Exchange Carriers (LECs) of the facilities and equipment necessary to receive and utilize E911 data elements. The Bureau indicated that the focus of the inquiry was on the future of the wireless E911 deployment, including obstacles to deployment and steps that might be taken to overcome or minimize them. The Bureau noted that, at the conclusion of his inquiry, Mr. Hatfield