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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU RELEASES REVISED 2011 ANNUAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPORTING WORKSHEET (FCC FORM 499-A) AND ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS

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On October 14, 2011, the Office of Management and Budget approved revisions to the Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet, FCC Form 499-A (the Form) and accompanying instructions. The revisions to the Form and instructions were made in accordance with the Commission's recent order implementing section 103(b) of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA). This section requires that both interconnected *and* non-interconnected voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) service providers participate in and contribute to the Telecommunications Relay Services Fund (TRS Fund).<sup>2</sup>

The revisions to the Form and accompanying instructions include the following:

- Adding a definition for non-interconnected VoIP service providers.<sup>3</sup>
- Adding a filing requirement for non-interconnected VoIP service providers with interstate end-user revenues subject to TRS Fund contributions. Such providers must file the Form to register with the Commission by December 31, 2011. If a non-interconnected VoIP provider has already registered with the Commission (e.g., because it has other lines of business subject to the Commission's registration and reporting requirements), it need not refile the Form.
- Requiring non-interconnected VoIP service providers with interstate end-user revenues subject to TRS Fund contributions to designate an agent for service of process.<sup>5</sup>
- Updating Form instruction references (for Lines 404.1 to 404.3, and 414.1 to 414.2) in accordance with the CVAA and Commission order.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Contributions to the Telecommunications Relay Services Fund, CG Docket No. 11-47, Report and Order, FCC 11-150 (rel. Oct. 7, 2011). See Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-260, § 103(b), 124 Stat. 2751, 2755 (2010); Amendment of Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Pub. L. 111-265, 124 Stat. 2795 (2010) (making technical corrections to the CVAA).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The CVAA added a new Section 715 to the Communications Act of 1934, requiring that each interconnected VoIP service provider and each provider of non-interconnected VoIP service participate in and contribute to the Telecommunications Relay Services Fund by October 8, 2011. 47 U.S.C. § 616.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 2011 FCC Form 499-A Instructions (revised Oct. 14, 2011), at 35.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 11-12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 15, 18-19.

• Revising the contact information for the TRS Administrator.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 32.