

Telecommunications, Inc., *VRS Certification Application of Snap Telecommunications, Inc.*, CG Docket No. 03–123 (January 25, 2006)) as a VRS provider eligible for compensation from the Interstate TRS Fund (Fund) pursuant to the recently adopted VRS and Internet Protocol (IP) Relay provider certification rules. *See Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, CG Docket No. 03–123, FCC 05–203 (December 12, 2005); published at 70 FR 76208, December 23, 2005 (*2005 VRS Provider Order*); 47 CFR 64.605(a)(2) of the Commission's rules. Prior to the *2005 VRS Provider Order*, an entity desiring to offer TRS and receive compensation from the Fund had to meet one of the three eligibility standards set forth in 47 CFR 64.604(c)(5)(iii)(F) of the Commission's rules. Snap's application is granted, subject to the conditions noted below.

On December 12, 2005, the Commission released an order adopting new rules permitting carriers desiring to offer VRS and receive payment from the Fund to seek certification as a provider eligible for compensation from the Fund. *2005 VRS Provider Order, supra*. The rules require entities seeking such certification to submit documentation to the Commission setting forth, in narrative form:

(i) a description of the forms of TRS to be provided (*i.e.*, VRS and/or IP Relay); (ii) a description of how the provider will meet all non-waived mandatory minimum standards applicable to each form of TRS offered; (iii) a description of the provider's procedures for ensuring compliance with all applicable TRS rules; (iv) a description of the provider's complaint procedures; (v) a narrative describing any areas in which the provider's service will differ from the applicable mandatory minimum standards; (vi) a narrative establishing that services that differ from the mandatory minimum standards do not violate applicable mandatory minimum standards; (vii) demonstration of status as a common carrier; and (viii) a statement that the provider will file annual compliance reports demonstrating continued compliance with these rules. 47 CFR 64.605(a)(2) of the Commission's rules.

The rules further provide that after review of the submitted documentation, the Commission shall certify that the VRS provider is eligible for compensation from the Fund if the Commission determines that the certification documentation:

(i) establishes that the provision of VRS * * * will meet or exceed all non-waived operational, technical, and functional minimum standards contained in § 64.604 of the Commission's rules; (ii) establishes that the VRS * * * provider makes available

adequate procedures and remedies for ensuring compliance with the requirements of this section and the mandatory minimum standards contained in § 64.604 of the Commission's rules, including that it makes available for TRS users informational materials on complaint procedures sufficient for users to know the proper procedures for filing complaints; and (iii) where the TRS service differs from the mandatory minimum standards contained in § 64.604 of the Commission's rules, the VRS * * * provider establishes that its service does not violate applicable mandatory minimum standards. 47 CFR 64.605(b)(2) of the Commission's rules.

The Commission has reviewed Snap's application pursuant to these rules. The Commission concludes that Snap has demonstrated that its provision of VRS service will meet or exceed all operational, technical, and functional TRS standards set forth in 47 CFR 64.604 of the Commission's rules; that it makes available adequate procedures and remedies for ensuring compliance with applicable Commission rules; and that to the extent Snap's service differs from the mandatory minimum standards, the service does not violate the rules. *See, e.g., Snap Application* at 14 (noting that Snap will offer picture caller ID).

The Commission also notes, however, that Snap indicates that it plans to offer service only via a particular Internet protocol that, without translation, is not interoperable with videophone devices employed by other VRS providers. *See generally Snap Application* at 6 (noting the H.323 and SIP Internet standards); Snap *ex parte* letter, CG Docket No. 03–123 (filed March 31, 2006); Snap *ex parte* letter, CG Docket No. 03–123 (filed March 22, 2006). The Commission notes that it has adopted a declaratory ruling requiring the interoperability of VRS equipment and services. *See Telecommunications Relay Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, CG Docket No. 03–123, Declaratory Ruling and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 06–57 (adopted May 3, 2006) (addressing California Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCASDHH), *Petition for Declaratory Ruling on Interoperability*, CC Docket No. 98–67, CG Docket No. 03–123, DA 05–509 (filed February 15, 2005)). The Commission conditions this grant of certification upon compliance with that order. *See also* 47 CFR 64.605(e)(2) of the Commission's rules (Commission may require certified providers to submit documentation demonstrating compliance with the mandatory minimum standards). Further, Snap must file an annual report with the Commission evidencing that they are in

compliance with § 64.604 of the Commission's rules. *See* 47 CFR 64.605(g) of the Commission's rules. The first such report shall be due one year after May 8, 2006, and subsequent reports shall be due each year thereafter.

This certification, as conditioned herein, shall remain in effect for a period of five years from the release date of May 8, 2006. *See* 47 CFR 64.605(c)(2) of the Commission's rules. Within ninety days prior to the expiration of this certification, Snap may apply for renewal of its VRS service certification by filing documentation in accordance with the Commission's rules. *See* 47 CFR 64.605(c)(2) of the Commission's rules.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee Act; Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks ("Independent Panel" or "Panel") will hold its final meeting on June 9, 2006 at 10 a.m. at the Commission Meeting Room of the FCC, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW–C305, Washington, DC 20554.

DATES: June 9, 2006 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Commission Meeting Room, FCC, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW–C305, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa M. Fowlkes, Designated Federal Officer of the FCC's Independent Panel at 202–418–7452 or e-mail: lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Panel will consider and vote on a report that addresses the impact of Hurricane Katrina on communications infrastructure, including public safety communications, and includes recommendations for improving disaster preparedness, network reliability and communications among first responders

("Panel Report"). The Panel Report is due to the FCC by June 15, 2006. As part of its consideration, the Panel may vote on proposed amendments to the Panel Report, if any.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. However, admittance will be limited to seating availability. Real Audio access to the meeting will be available at <http://www.fcc.gov>. Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. To request accommodations, send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY). Include a description of the accommodation you will need with as much detail as possible. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow at least five days advance notice; last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

The public may submit written comments before the meeting to: Lisa M. Fowlkes, the FCC's Designated Federal Officer for the Independent Panel at: lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov or by U.S. Postal Service Mail (Lisa M. Fowlkes, Designated Federal Officer, Hurricane Katrina Independent Panel, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 7-C737, Washington, DC 20554). Publicly available documents regarding the Independent Panel are available for inspection and copying at the FCC's Public Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. Further information about the Independent Panel may also be found on the Panel's Web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/eb/hkip>.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within ten days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Copies of agreements

are available through the Commission's Office of Agreements (202-523-5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov).

Agreement No.: 010761-001.

Title: Somers Isles Shipping Agreement.

Parties: Bermuda Container Line Limited; Bermuda International Shipping, Ltd.; and Somers Isles Shipping Limited.

Filing Party: Wade S. Hooker, Jr., Esq.; 211 Central Park W; New York, NY 10024.

Synopsis: The agreement updates the parties' joint service agreement covering the Florida/Bermuda trade.

Agreement No.: 011117-038.

Title: United States/Australasia Discussion Agreement.

Parties: A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S and Safmarine Container Lines NV; Australia-New Zealand Direct Line; CMA-CGM, S.A.; Compagnie Maritime Marfret S.A.; CP Ships USA, LLC; FESCO Ocean Management Limited; Hamburg-Süd; and Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS.

Filing Party: Wayne R. Rohde, Esq.; Sher & Blackwell LLP; 1850 M Street, NW; Suite 900; Washington, DC 20036.

Synopsis: The amendment would add Hapag-Lloyd Container Linie GmbH as a party to the agreement.

Agreement No.: 011794-005.

Title: COSCON/KL/YMUK/Hanjin/Senator Worldwide Slot Allocation & Sailing Agreement.

Parties: COSCO Container Lines Company, Limited; Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.; YangMing (UK) Ltd.; Hanjin Shipping Co., Ltd.; and Senator Lines GmbH.

Filing Party: Robert B. Yoshitomi, Esq.; Nixon Peabody LLP; 2040 Main Street, Suite 850; Irvine, CA 92614.

Synopsis: The amendment increases the number of vessels used under the agreement as well as the total TEU capacities.

Agreement No.: 011959.

Title: Zim/ESL Agreement.

Parties: Zim Integrated Shipping Services, Ltd. and Emirates Shipping Line FZE.

Filing Party: Jeffrey F. Lawrence, Esq.; Sher & Blackwell LLP; 1850 M Street, NW; Suite 900; Washington, DC 20036.

Synopsis: The agreement authorizes the parties to contribute vessels to a service and share space in the trades between ports on the U.S. Gulf Coast, on the one hand, and ports in Jamaica, Panama, Korea, and China, on the other hand. The parties request expedited review.

Agreement No.: 011960.

Title: The New World Alliance Agreement.

Parties: American President Lines, Ltd.; APL Co. Pte, Ltd.; Hyundai Merchant Marine Co., Ltd.; and Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.

Filing Party: David B. Cook, Esq.; Goodwin Procter LLP; 901 New York Avenue, NW; Washington, DC 20001.

Synopsis: The agreement authorizes the parties to deploy, schedule and share space on vessel services operating between the U.S. Pacific, Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, on the one hand, and the Far East (including countries bordered by the Indian Ocean and nearby waters), Northern Europe, Panama, countries bordered by the Mediterranean Sea, and the Canadian Pacific Coast, on the other hand. The agreement consolidates and replaces three existing agreements under which The New World Alliance parties currently operate.

Agreement No.: 011961.

Title: The Maritime Credit Agreement.

Parties: Alianca Navegacao e Logistica Ltda. & Cia; A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S; Atlantic Container Line AB; China Shipping Container Lines Co., Ltd.; CMA CGM, S.A.; Companhia Libra de Navegacao; Compania Sudamericana de Vapores, S.A.; COSCO Container Lines Company Limited; Crowley Liner Services, Inc.; Dole Ocean Cargo Express; Hamburg-Süd; Hapag-Lloyd Container Linie GmbH; Hoegh Autoliners A/S; Independent Container Line Ltd.; Montemar Maritima S.A.; Norasia Container Lines Limited; Safmarine Container Lines N.V.; Tropical Shipping & Construction Co., Ltd.; United Arab Shipping Company (S.A.G.); Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS; and Zim Integrated Shipping Services, Ltd.

Filing Party: Wayne R. Rohde, Esq.; Sher & Blackwell LLP; 1850 M Street, NW; Suite 900; Washington, DC 20036.

Synopsis: The agreement would authorize any two or more parties to meet, discuss, and exchange information with respect to their respective billing and/or collection practices. It expressly precludes the parties from agreeing on credit rules, credit policy, credit terms, rates, or the conditions under which credit will or will not be granted.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: May 19, 2006.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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