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February 3, 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- The FCC adopted five items at its January 30, 2020 [Open Meeting](#), including a [report and order](#) establishing a two-phase reverse auction framework for the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, committing \$20.4 billion in high-cost universal service support to bring high-speed broadband service to unserved Americans. The FCC also adopted a robocalls [enforcement action](#).
- The Wireline Competition Bureau [released supplemental lists](#) of counties served by price cap ILECs and study areas served by rate-of-return ILECs receiving fixed universal service support that are deemed competitive pursuant to market tests for BDS.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau [established](#) uniform deployment and reporting deadlines for all recipients of CAF Phase II funding. The Bureau said service milestone deadlines for all CAF II support recipients will fall at the end of the calendar year, and annual location filing and certification deadlines are due March 1.
- USTelecom, Consolidated, et al. [discussed](#) the proposal in the draft Rural Digital Opportunity Fund [order](#) on the letter of credit requirements. USTelecom, AT&T, et al. [discussed](#) RDOF transition support.
- The USDA [announced](#) it invested \$60.9 million in high-speed broadband infrastructure projects Missouri. The USDA also [invested](#) \$15.5 million in Louisiana, \$55.3 million in [Kentucky and Tennessee](#), \$2.4 million in [Washington](#), \$1.6 million in [Arizona](#), and \$9.87 million in [Maine](#). The funding is through the [USDA's ReConnect Pilot Program](#).
- Oppositions [are due](#) February 14, 2020, to petitions for reconsideration of the Digital Opportunity Data Collection [order](#) filed by [Microsoft](#) and [INCOMPAS](#). Replies to oppositions are due February 24, 2020.
- The [order on remand and declaratory ruling](#) on the VoIP symmetry rule is [effective](#) January 30, 2020.
- The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued an [order](#) denying a [motion for stay](#) filed by CarrierX in the case [reviewing](#) the access arbitrage [order](#).
- AT&T, Sprint, et al. [discussed](#) access stimulation issues.
- The House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a [hearing](#) on digital equity and internet adoption.
- The U.S. Department of Justice [announced](#) it filed civil actions for temporary restraining orders against five companies and three individuals allegedly responsible for carrying fraudulent robocalls. The Federal Trade Commission [warned 19 VoIP service providers](#) that the FTC may take legal action against them if they assist robocallers.
- The FCC [is circulating](#) an item on robocalls. [Comments were filed](#) on the FCC's first staff report on call blocking. Replies are due February 28, 2020. [public notice](#)

Other Key Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 5 - Comments due on the [NPRM](#) on updating its unbundling and resale rules to reflect the marketplace realities of intermodal voice and broadband competition. Replies due March 6, 2020. [FR](#)
- Feb. 28 - Replies [due](#) on the FCC's first staff report on call blocking.

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USF Reform

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an [order](#) on January 27, 2020, establishing uniform deadlines related to deployment and reporting obligations for all recipients of CAF Phase II auction funding. The Bureau said service milestone deadlines for all CAF Phase II auction support recipients will fall at the end of the calendar year, and annual location filing and certification deadlines are due March 1. The Bureau said this action aligns CAF Phase II program deadlines with deadlines for other universal service high-cost funding mechanisms, without imposing any new burdens
- Chairman Pai sent letters to [48 U.S. Senators](#) and [54 U.S. Representatives](#) on January 21, 2020, in response to their letter on the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. Pai said the draft RDOF order proposes to connect more Americans to faster broadband networks than any other universal service program has done. Pai said the RDOF makes key departures from the CAF Phase II auction so that the RDOF supports networks that will stand the test of time and said it would more than double the minimum speeds that bidders must commit to provide, modifies the weights that apply to bids to favor faster, lower latency networks, and supports the best network possible in each area given the available budget.
- Chairman Pai sent [letters](#) to Reps. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D N.J.) Greg Walden (R Ore.), Robert E. Latta (R Ohio) and Mike Doyle (D Pa.) on January 24, 2020, in response to their letter seeking additional information on the Commission's plan for a new 5G fund. Pai said he intends to circulate an NPRM in the coming months and will address their questions on the safeguards the Commission will put in place to ensure that areas eligible for support are based on reliable coverage data, which services will be eligible for support, performance benchmarks, and the steps the Commission will take to ensure new services are sufficiently secure.
- USTelecom, Consolidated Communications, Smithville, and Windstream [spoke with](#) Chairman Pai and his rural broadband advisor on January 24, 2020, to discuss the draft Rural Digital Opportunity Fund [order](#). USTelecom discussed the letter of credit requirements and noted there has been no opposition to its alternative LOC [proposal](#). USTelecom, CenturyLink, Consolidated, Frontier, and Windstream [met with](#) Commissioners O'Rielly, Carr, and Starks on January 23, 2020, and USTelecom [spoke with](#) Chairman Pai's rural broadband advisor and legal advisors to Commissioners Carr and O'Rielly, to discuss the same issues.
- USTelecom, AT&T, CenturyLink, Consolidated, Frontier, Verizon, and Windstream [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force staff on January 22, 2020, to discuss the portion of the draft RDOF [order](#) on transition support. They discussed forbearance from incumbent high-cost voice obligations in census blocks won by a new ETC, potential 214(a) discontinuance petitions, and the future status of ETC obligations in census blocks that are not awarded to any provider in Phase I of the RDOF.
- Windstream [spoke with](#) Chairman Pai's rural broadband advisor on January 23, 2020, to discuss support for USTelecom's RDOF letter of credit [proposal](#).
- The California Public Utilities Commission [spoke with](#) Commissioner Carr's legal advisor on January 21, 2020, to discuss the draft RDOF [order](#). The PUC requested guidance on how the final order and auction procedures could provide credit or recognition of state funding contributions. It also suggested auction weights as a means of such recognition for the fiscal contributions of states, and claimed that the lack of such allowances and credits for state expenditures will deny to states full leverage of their funds for broadband development. The PUC also expressed its concern that the RDOF order provided for insufficient time for many states to align their broadband programs with the timeframe outlined in the order.
- ACA Connects [met with](#) advisors to Chairman Pai, and Commissioners Rosenworcel, Carr, O'Rielly and Starks on January 22 and 23, 2020, to express support for the draft RDOF [order](#), including the budget clearing round proposal and the letter of credit obligations.

- WISPA filed a [copy of an email it](#) sent to Chairman Pai's rural broadband advisor on January 23, 2020, which offered suggested edits to the portion of the RDOF [order](#) on transition support.
- Viasat filed a [letter](#) on January 24, 2020, to respond to [Windstream](#)'s test results of a Viasat service. Viasat asserted the service Windstream tested is different from the future CAF-supported services that Viasat will offer in the future and different from any future RDOF-supported service as well. It claimed Windstream's methodology does not comply with the Commission's performance testing requirements.
- Aristotle Unified Communications [spoke with](#) Chairman Pai and his advisor on January 24, 2020, to discuss the draft Rural Digital Opportunity Fund order. It discussed concerns with the proposal on the clearing round and expressed opposition to the letter of credit as the sole mechanism for securing the Commission's investment in RDOF.
- Mid-Hudson Data filed a [petition for waiver](#) on January 27, 2020, of the deadline in the [public notice](#) that Mid-Hudson submit an acceptable irrevocable stand-by letter of credit and Bankruptcy Code opinion letter by January 21, 2020, in order receive CAF Phase II funding.

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- The [order on remand and declaratory ruling](#) on the VoIP symmetry rule was published in the [Federal Register](#) on January 30, 2020. The order held that a LEC providing retail service with a VoIP provider partner provides the functional equivalent of end office switching and thus may assess end office switched access charges only if either the LEC or its VoIP partner provides a physical connection to the last-mile facilities used to serve the end user. The order is effective January 30, 2020.
- The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued an [order](#) on January 30, 2020, denying a [motion for stay](#) filed by CarrierX, the operating subsidiary for FreeConferenceCall.com, in the case [reviewing](#) the FCC's access arbitrage [order](#). The court held CarrierX did not satisfy the requirements for the requested stay.
- AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon filed a [letter](#) on January 31, 2020, to provide additional details of the topics discussed during a [meeting with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and General Counsel staff on January 21, 2020, on access stimulation. Among other things, they asserted Northern Valley's attempt to designate a James Valley switch as the point from which it would assume financial responsibility for its access stimulation traffic. They also asserted a number of access stimulating LECs have not filed notices to cease traffic pumping and have not filed revised tariffs but are continuing to handle large volumes of traffic.
- Inteliquent [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analysis staff on January 27, 2020, to discuss 8YY access charge reform. Inteliquent asserted access arbitrage rules, the VoIP symmetry order, and STIR/SHAKEN implementation will have significant impacts on industry and practices in the 8YY space. Inteliquent recommended the Commission evaluate these impacts carefully before changing 8YY access charge rules.

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Broadband

- The USDA [announced](#) on January 28, 2020, it has invested \$60.9 million in high-speed broadband infrastructure that will create or improve e-connectivity for more than 11,000 rural households, 81 farms, 73 businesses, 16 educational facilities, 12 critical community facilities and two health care facilities in rural Missouri. The USDA said Mid-States Services, Total Highspeed, Gascosage Electric Cooperative, and Green Hills Telephone will use the funding for FTTH or FTTP networks and Marshall Municipal Utilities will use the funding to provide high-quality internet access. The USDA also [announced](#) on January 28, 2020, it has invested \$15.5 million in a high-speed broadband infrastructure

project that will create or improve rural e-connectivity for 2,609 rural households, 12 pre-subscribed businesses and 16 pre-subscribed farms in Louisiana. The USDA said Star Telephone will use the funding to deploy fiber. The funding is through the [USDA's ReConnect Pilot Program](#).

- The USDA [announced](#) on January 29, 2020, it has invested \$55.3 million in high-speed broadband infrastructure projects that will create or improve rural e-connectivity for more than 12,250 rural households and nearly 100 farms and businesses in Kentucky and Tennessee. The USDA said Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative, Duo County Telephone Cooperative, Gibson Electric Membership, and Thacker-Grigsby Telephone will use the funding to deploy FTTP networks. The USDA also [announced](#) on January 29, 2020, it has invested \$2.4 million in a high-speed broadband infrastructure project in Washington. The USDA said Mason Public Utility District 3 will use the funding to provide high-speed broadband for approximately 250 households and home-based businesses. Additionally, the USDA [announced](#) it invested \$1.6 million in a high-speed broadband infrastructure project in Arizona. The USDA said Wecom will use the funding to construct a FTTP and hybrid FTTN fixed wireless system that is expected to connect 1,492 households to high-speed internet.
- The USDA [announced](#) on January 30, 2020, it has invested \$9.87 million in four infrastructure projects that will create or improve rural e-connectivity for 4,527 households and 215 businesses in rural Maine. The USDA said the towns of Arrowsic and Roque Bluffs will construct fiber-optic networks, Biddeford Internet will expand its gigabit FTTP network, and Monhegan Plantation will connect the island community with broadband. The funding is through the [USDA's ReConnect Pilot Program](#).
- The [public notice](#) announcing petitions for reconsideration of the [report and order](#) establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection were filed by [Microsoft](#) and [INCOMPAS](#) was published in the [Federal Register](#) on January 30, 2020. Oppositions to the petitions are due February 14, 2020; replies to oppositions are due February 24, 2020.
- The FCC issued a [list of accomplishments](#) under the leadership of Chairman Pai. The accomplishments included: bridging the digital divide, accelerating 5G deployment, freeing up more spectrum, eliminating and modernizing outdated regulations, combating illegal robocalls, strengthening rural call completion, improving emergency alerts, and transparency and process reforms.
- The House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a [hearing](#) on January 29, 2020, entitled, "Empowering and Connecting Communities through Digital Equity and Internet Adoption." Testimony was given by: [Angela Siefer](#), National Digital Inclusion Alliance; [Joshua Edmonds](#), City of Detroit, MI; [Gigi Sohn](#), Georgetown Law Institute for Technology Law and Policy; [Jeffrey R. Sural](#), North Carolina Department of Information Technology; and [Roslyn Layton](#), American Enterprise Institute.
- NARUC issued [proposed resolutions](#) on January 28, 2020, for its winter policy summit on February 9, 2020. A telecom-related resolution advocates for the FCC to require current and accurate mobile wireless data coverage mapping prior to awarding any dollars from the 5G Fund and that 5G Fund dollars be prioritized for areas that do not have mobile wireless data coverage meeting the 5 Mbps threshold.
- CTIA, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon [met with](#) staff from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Wireline Competition Bureau on January 27, 2020, to state that confusion remains regarding separate statutory language and Commission rules relating to the deployment of facilities on existing infrastructure. CTIA urged the Commission to grant its [petition for declaratory ruling](#).

Robocalls

- The U.S. Department of Justice [announced](#) on January 28, 2020, it filed civil actions for temporary restraining orders against five companies and three individuals allegedly responsible for carrying hundreds of millions of fraudulent robocalls to American consumers. The DoJ alleged that the companies were warned numerous times that they were carrying fraudulent robocalls and continued to carry those calls and facilitate foreign-based fraud schemes targeting Americans.

- The Federal Trade Commission [announced](#) it sent letters to [19 VoIP service providers](#) on January 29, 2020, warning them the FTC may take legal action against them if they assist a seller or telemarketer who they know, or consciously avoid knowing, is violating the agency's telemarketing sales rule. The FTC did not disclose the names of the companies and/or individuals to whom it sent the warnings. The FTC said the types of conduct that may violate the TSR, include: misrepresenting a seller or telemarketer's affiliation with any government agency; and transmitting false or deceptive caller ID numbers, among other things.
- The FCC placed an [item on circulation](#) on January 31, 2020, entitled "Implementing Section 13(d) of the Pallone-Thune Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act (TRACED Act)."
- Comments were filed on January 29, 2020, on the Commission's first staff report on call blocking. [NTCA](#) said the report should specifically identify and explore actions the Commission can take to protect consumers from false positives, or legitimate calls blocked in error, through the use of call blocking tools. NTCA also said Commission action is necessary to ensure that RLECs can obtain reasonable IP interconnection to participate in the SHAKEN/STIR ecosystem. [Charter Communications](#) suggested the FCC develop and maintain a critical call list against which service providers can validate PSAP telephone numbers and prevent them from being included on a subscriber's blacklist. [Verizon](#) discussed measures it has taken to combat robocalls. [AT&T](#) discussed its call blocking tools to combat illegal and unwanted calls. [all comments available](#). Replies are due February 28, 2020. [FR](#), [public notice](#)
- TDS [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on January 28, 2020, to provide an update on its progress with the SHAKEN/STIR framework and call analytic systems.
- Cox Communications [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau staff on January 23, 2020, to provide an update on Cox's implementation of the SHAKEN/STIR call authentication framework. U.S. Cellular [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau staff on January 23, 2020, to discuss its efforts to implement STIR/SHAKEN technology.
- [T-Mobile](#) filed a letter on January 30, 2020, in response to Commission requests for updates on its implementation of the SHAKEN/STIR standards. [Bandwidth](#) also filed a letter on its SHAKEN/STIR implementation.
- First Orion [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on January 22, 2020, to discuss robocall issues, including the importance of analytics in the effort to protect consumers from illegal calls.

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Universal Service

- The FCC's Office of Inspector General [issued](#) an [advisory](#) on January 28, 2020, to alert Lifeline carriers, beneficiaries, and the public to the potential for widespread carrier non-compliance with the Lifeline usage rule. The advisory provides examples of usage rule violations that OIG has encountered in its ongoing investigations of Lifeline carriers.
- The FCC released a [public notice](#) on January 30, 2020, announcing petitions for reconsideration of certain aspects of the November 2019 Lifeline [order](#) have been filed by [WTA](#), [TruConnect](#), and [Sprint](#). Oppositions to the petitions will be due 15 days after this public notice is published in the Federal Register; replies to oppositions will be due 10 days after oppositions are due.
- The FCC released an [order](#) on January 27, 2020, permanently eliminating the requirement that E-Rate applicants amortize upfront, non-recurring category one charges of \$500,000 or more from the E-Rate

program. The FCC said this decision will promote increased broadband infrastructure deployment to schools and libraries and further the goal of closing the digital divide.

- USAC released its [National Verifier Annual report and data](#) on January 31, 2020, which provided a summary of the rollout of the National Verifier, and outlined how it meets the Commission's objectives to reduce waste, fraud and abuse in the Lifeline program. USAC also released a [sixth update](#) to the Lifeline National Verifier Plan.
- Comments were filed on January 27, 2020, on the [FNPRM](#) on adding a goal of broadband adoption to the Lifeline program, making additional program integrity improvements to the program, and establishing privacy training requirements for entities accessing Lifeline subscribers' personal information. [NTCA](#) supported the FNPRM's proposal to update the Lifeline program's goals to include an evaluation of its effectiveness in driving broadband adoption. NTCA said, however, that evaluation must recognize the critical differences between fixed and mobile broadband services and asserted mobile services are not a substitute for fixed broadband services. Comments Filed on Lifeline FNPRM. [USTelecom](#) asserted some of the proposals would create more operational burdens associated with the program. USTelecom also claimed the Commission lacks the authority to establish broadband adoption as a new goal of the Lifeline program and said it should not adopt any program changes that increase participation burdens without improving the integrity of the Lifeline program. Replies are due February 25, 2020. [FR all comments available](#)
- WTA filed a [petition](#) for reconsideration on January 27, 2020, of the [requirement](#) that all ETC Lifeline enrollment representatives register with the USAC representative accountability database, in order to access USAC's Lifeline system for enrollment, benefit transfers, information updates, recertification and de-enrollment.
- [TruConnect](#) and [Sprint](#) filed petitions for reconsideration and/or clarification of the November 2019 [order](#) that made reforms to the Lifeline program, and asked the Commission to reconsider its decision to prohibit ETCs from paying commissions to Lifeline enrollment representatives.
- Access Wireless [spoke with](#) Chairman Pai's legal advisor on January 27, 2020, to discuss concerns with the Lifeline reform [order](#), including the ban on commission payments to Lifeline representatives and the impact it this change will have on small business owners. [Credico](#) also discussed similar issues with advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioners O'Rielly, Carr and Starks on January 23, 2020.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau released a [public notice](#) on January 31, 2020, granting, denying and dismissing various petitions related to actions taken by USAC on E-Rate and USF contributions. Petitions for reconsideration or applications for review of these decisions must be filed within 30 days of the public notice.
- Viya filed a [reply](#) on January 27, 2020, to Broadband VI's opposition to its [petition for reconsideration](#) of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico and Connect USVI Funds [report and order](#). Viya claimed BVI makes no substantive effort to refute Viya's showing that buried coaxial cable is as resilient as buried fiber and far more resilient than aerial cable. Viya said the Commission should grant its petition and clarify or reconsider the order to establish an appropriate scoring for buried coaxial cable facilities. ACA Connects filed [reply comments](#) on January 27, 2020, in support of Viya's [petition for reconsideration](#). ACA said it shares Viya's concern that the scoring framework adopted in the order could be implemented in a manner that downplays the resiliency of buried coaxial cable relative to other deployment types and asserted that grant of Viya's petition would avoid this outcome.
- Viya [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on January 28, 2020, to discuss its [petition](#) seeking reconsideration of the December 2019 [public notice](#) announcing location counts and reserve prices for the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 fixed support competitive proposal process.

- USTelecom and NTCA [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on January 27, 2020, to discuss the submission of ETC employees' personally identifiable information into the Lifeline Representative Accountability Database, and discuss whether there are alternatives.
- Sprint [met separately with](#) advisors to Commissioners O'Rielly, Starks, Carr and Rosenworcel and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on January 22 and 23, 2020, to discuss adoption of restrictions on payments of commissions to Lifeline enrollment representatives and the mechanics of implementation of those restrictions. Sprint asserted the new requirements may have unintended consequences that warrant reconsideration or clarification by the Commission.
- Comments were filed on January 27, 2020, on proposed changes to the annual and quarterly telecommunications reporting worksheets (FCC Forms 499-A and 499-Q), and accompanying instructions, to be used in 2020 to report 2019 revenues. [USTelecom](#) suggested the Bureau modify the proposed new language that it says appears to require carriers to report on Line 308 universal service support received from the E-rate or Rural Health Care programs, particularly where such support was disbursed directly to program beneficiaries rather than the carrier. USTelecom asserted the Bureau should clarify that use of Line 308 is optional at the filer's discretion, similar to Line 511. Comments also filed by: [Alaska Communications](#) and [CTIA. public notice](#)
- Comments are due February 3, 2020, on the supply chain [FNPRM](#). Reply comments are due March 3, 2020.
- Comments are due February 3, 2020, on the initial designation of [ZTE Corporation](#) and [Huawei Technologies](#), their parents, affiliates, and subsidiaries as covered companies in the November 26, 2019 [supply chain order](#).
- Union Wireless [met separately with](#) Commissioner Carr's legal advisor and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on January 27, 2020, to discuss supply chain issues. Union Wireless asserted it will incur extraordinary costs to overlay its mobile wireless network with new core and base station equipment. It suggested when the Commission adopts new restrictions on the use of equipment from covered companies, it should avoid situations where currently operating providers are unable to replace existing gear or fill in dead zones in rural areas.
- Mavenir Systems [met separately with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff and Commissioner O'Rielly's advisor on January 22, 2020, to discuss supply chain issues, including its ability to assist small rural carriers who have deployed ZTE and Huawei with software-based networks.
- An FCC notice [was published](#) in the Federal Register on January 30, 2020, seeking Paperwork Reduction Act comments on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with changes in reporting and recording keeping requirements for FCC forms 460, 461, 462, 463, 465, 3466 and 467 (rural health care.) Revisions to this information collection are a result of the August 2019 [report and order](#). PRA comments are due March 30, 2020.
- Fond du Lac Communications filed a [further supplement](#) on January 24, 2020, to its [Petition](#) for designation as an ETC to provide telecommunications services within the Fond du Lac Reservation.

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- The FCC adopted at its January 30, 2020 [Open Meeting](#) a [report and order](#) ([Rosenworcel](#) statement) establishing a two-phase reverse auction framework for the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, committing \$20.4 billion in high-cost universal service support to bring high-speed broadband service to unserved Americans. The FCC also adopted: an [NPRM](#) proposing to incorporate a new technical standard for determining whether a wireless handset is hearing aid-compatible and to simplify and update the Commission's hearing aid compatibility rules; a [report and order](#) on regulations on the handling of Video Relay Service calls by communications assistants working from their homes; a [report and order](#)

modernizing certain cable and satellite television provider notice provisions in part 76 by requiring certain notices to be delivered to broadcasters by e-mail instead of on paper; and a [notice of apparent liability for forfeiture](#) proposing a \$12.9M fine against an individual for spoofed robocalls.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [public notice](#) on January 31, 2020, announcing the release of [supplemental lists](#) of counties served by price cap ILECs and study areas served by rate-of-return ILECs receiving fixed universal service support that are deemed competitive pursuant to the competitive market tests adopted in 2017 [business data services order](#) for price caps and the 2018 RoR [BDS order](#). The Bureau said these lists are based on updated Form 477 data. The supplemental lists of counties and study areas newly deemed competitive are attached as appendices A and B.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [public notice](#) on January 31, 2020, seeking comment on a 214 application filed Adams Telcom, Alhambra Grantfork Communications, Egyptian Communication Services, Hamilton County Communications, MTC Communications, Progressive Voice and Data, Shawnee Communications, Technology Group, Wabash Independent Networks, and WINS (transferors) and Missouri Network Alliance d/b/a Bluebird Network (MNA) requesting consent to transfer control of Illinois Network Alliance from transferors to MNA. Comments are due February 14, 2020; replies are due February 21, 2020.
- No comments were filed on a 214 application filed by Spencer Municipal Utilities and Premier Communications requesting consent to transfer control of the Fostoria, Iowa telecommunications assets and customer base of SMU to Premier. Replies are due February 6, 2020. [public notice](#)
- No replies were filed on a section 214 [application](#) that requested consent for the unauthorized transfer of control that occurred on July 1, 2016, when applicants transferred Vantage to Pinnacle without prior Commission approval. [public notice](#)
- No comments were filed on Assurance Telecom's application for authorization to obtain NANP telephone numbers directly from the numbering administrators for its iVoIP service. [public notice](#)
- No comments were filed on Ton80 Communications' application for authorization to obtain NANP telephone numbers directly from the numbering administrators for its iVoIP service. [public notice](#)
- Chairman Pai [announced](#) on January 29, 2020, his intent to appoint Margaret Wiener as associate chief of the Office of Economics and Analytics, Evan Kwerel as senior economic advisor to the OEA chief, and Jonathan Campbell as chief of OEA's Auctions Division.

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Upcoming Filing Dates

- Feb. 5 - Comments due on the [NPRM](#) on updating its unbundling and resale rules to reflect the marketplace realities of intermodal voice and broadband competition. Reply comments are due March 6, 2020. [FR](#)
- Feb. 6 - Replies due on a 214 application filed by Spencer Municipal Utilities and Premier Communications requesting consent to transfer control of the Fostoria, Iowa telecommunications assets and customer base of SMU to Premier. [public notice](#)
- Feb. 10 - Comments due on the Department of Hawaiian Homelands [petition](#) for waiver to file as an eligible entity in the 2.5 GHz rural tribal priority window. Replies are due February 20, 2020. [public notice](#)
- Feb. 12 - Comments due on seeking to refresh the record on ways to modernize and strengthen the truth-in-billing rules. Replies are due March 13, 2020. [public notice](#), [Federal Register](#)

- Feb. 13 - Comments due on the [NPRM](#) on updating the Commission's suspension and debarment rules to make them consistent with OMB guidelines to better prevent bad actors from participating in USF programs, TRS programs and the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program. Replies are due March 16, 2020. [FR](#).
- Feb. 14 - Oppositions due to petitions for reconsideration of the [report and order](#) establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection. Replies to oppositions are due February 24, 2020. [public notice](#), [FR](#)
- Feb. 14 - Comments due on a 214 application requesting consent to transfer control of Illinois Network Alliance to Missouri Network Alliance. Replies are due February 21, 2020. [public notice](#)
- Feb. 20 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with FCC Form 477, Local Telephone Competition and Broadband Reporting. The revisions to the information collection are necessitated by the August 2019 [report and order](#) on the new Digital Opportunity Data Collection. [notice](#)
- Feb. 20 - Replies due on the Department of Hawaiian Homelands [petition](#) for waiver to file as an eligible entity in the 2.5 GHz rural tribal priority window. [public notice](#)
- Feb. 21 - Replies due on a 214 application requesting consent to transfer control of Illinois Network Alliance to Missouri Network Alliance. [public notice](#)
- Feb. 24 - Replies due to oppositions to petitions for reconsideration of the [report and order](#) establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection. [public notice](#), [FR](#)
- Feb. 24 - Comments due on the technical requirements for the reassigned numbers database, which was established in the 2018 robocall [order](#). Replies are due March 9, 2020. [public notice](#)
- Feb. 25 - Replies due on the [FNPRM](#) on adding a goal of broadband adoption to the Lifeline program, making additional program integrity improvements to the program, and establishing privacy training requirements for entities accessing Lifeline subscribers' personal information. [FR](#)
- Feb. 28 - Replies due on the Commission's first staff report on call blocking. [FR](#), [public notice](#)
- Mar. 2 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with the FCC rules that prevent the unauthorized change by telecommunications carriers of consumers' selections of telecommunications service providers. [notice](#)
- Mar. 3 - Replies due on the supply chain [FNPRM](#).
- Mar. 6 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) on updating its unbundling and resale rules to reflect the marketplace realities of intermodal voice and broadband competition. [FR](#)
- Mar. 9 - Replies due on the technical requirements for the reassigned numbers database, which was established in the 2018 robocall [order](#). [public notice](#)
- Mar. 13 - Replies due on seeking to refresh the record on ways to modernize and strengthen the truth-in-billing rules. [public notice](#), [Federal Register](#)
- Mar 16 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) on updating the Commission's suspension and debarment rules to make them consistent with OMB guidelines to better prevent bad actors from participating in USF programs, TRS programs and the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program. [FR](#).
- Mar. 30 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with changes in reporting and recording keeping requirements for FCC forms 460, 461, 462, 463, 465, 3466 and 467 (rural health care.) [FR](#)

- Mar. 23 - PRA comments are due on an extension of a currently approved information collection regarding access to numbering resource application information. [FCC notice](#)
- Mar. 23 - PRA comments are due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with Parts 54 and 69 filing requirements for regulation of interstate services of non-price cap ILECs and IXCs. [notice](#)
- Mar. 24 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with payphone compensation. [FCC notice](#)

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