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### February 11, 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- The FCC issued the [agenda](#) for its February 14, 2019 Open Meeting. It will consider five items, including a [Report and Order](#) establishing a schedule to end CAF Phase I support in price cap areas where winning bidders in the CAF Phase II auction will begin receiving Phase II support and in areas that were not eligible for the auction, while providing interim support in areas that did not receive any bids, and an [NPRM](#) proposing to amend the Truth in Caller ID rules to implement the anti-spoofing provisions of the RAY BAUM'S Act.
- Comments [are due](#) March 8, 2019, on the [FNPRM](#) that was attached to the December 2018 RoR USF Reform Report and Order. The FNPRM seeks comment on an auction mechanism for support in legacy areas that are overlapped by an unsubsidized competitor, budgetary impacts as carriers transition to broadband-only lines, and applying the Tribal Broadband Factor from the A-CAM II offer to legacy carriers. Replies are due April 8, 2019.
- NTCA and member companies [discussed](#) their support for the December 2018 RoR USF Reform [Order](#), and discussed the importance of future-proof fiber networks, concerns about the processes by which USF performance testing requirements will be implemented, and the negative consumer impacts anticipated by the prospect of the USF local rate floor policy.
- USTelecom, AT&T, et al. [discussed](#) the [draft Order](#) that would phase down legacy voice support, saying the FCC should provide adequate support to price cap ILECs that are mandated to provide voice services in extremely high cost areas that are not funded as part of the CAF II program.
- [Comments were filed](#) on the FNPRMs attached to the [Report and Order](#) that allows certain RLECs that receive fixed high-cost support to transition from RoR regulation to incentive regulation for their business data services. Replies are due March 11, 2019. [FR](#)
- Comments [are due](#) March 8, 2019, on NECA's December 2018 [proposed revisions](#) to formulas used for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements. Replies are due March 25, 2019.
- The FCC [created](#) a division within its Enforcement Bureau to investigate and prosecute fraud in the USF.
- [Comments were filed](#) on the 2018 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations. Replies are due March 11, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- PRA comments [are due](#) April 8, 2019, on an extension of the information collection associated with section 69.605, Reporting and Distribution of Pool Access Revenues.

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### Other Key Upcoming Dates

- Mar. 11 - Replies [due](#) on the FNPRMs attached to the [Report and Order](#) that allowed certain RLECs that receive fixed high-cost support to transition from RoR regulation to incentive regulation for their BDS. [FR](#)
- Mar. 11 - Replies [due](#) on the 2018 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations. [Public Notice](#)

## USF Reform

- The [FNPRM](#) that was attached to the December 13, 2018 RoR USF Reform Report and Order was published in the [Federal Register](#) on February 6, 2019. The FNPRM seeks comment on implementing an auction mechanism for support in legacy areas that are overlapped by an unsubsidized competitor, addressing budgetary impacts as carriers transition to broadband-only lines, and applying the Tribal Broadband Factor from the A-CAM II offer to legacy carriers. Comments are due on March 8, 2019; replies are due April 8, 2019.
- NTCA and some of its member companies [met with](#) Chairman Pai and his Special Counsel on February 5, 2019, to express support for the December 2018 high-cost USF Reform [Order](#). They discussed the importance of future-proof fiber networks in achieving the nation's wireless and wired broadband infrastructure objectives, concerns about the processes by which USF performance testing requirements will be implemented, and the negative consumer impacts anticipated by the prospect of the USF rate floor policy effectively compelling operators to raise local voice telephony rates for many rural Americans by up to nearly \$9 per month in coming months.
- USTelecom, AT&T, CenturyLink, Consolidated Communications, Frontier, and Verizon [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Acting Special Counsel on January 31, 2019, to discuss the [draft Order](#) that would phase down legacy voice support. USTelecom maintained the Commission should provide adequate support to price cap ILECs that are mandated to provide voice services in extremely high cost areas that are not funded as part of the CAF II program. They asked the Commission to postpone treatment of USTelecom's June 2018 [proposal](#) for a funding mechanism that would meet the expected needs for price cap carriers fulfilling their obligation to provide voice services in extremely high cost areas. They suggested in the event the Commission does not remove section III.C. from the draft Order, it should make a further edit to the section, and also requested the Commission amend its discussion of potential additional case-by-case support to clarify that any required earnings review would be targeted to the earnings of the areas for which support was requested. They also [met with](#) Commissioner Starks' Acting Legal Advisor on February 5, 2019, to discuss similar issues.
- The Alaska Telecom Association filed a [Petition for Limited Waiver](#) on February 6, 2019, of the requirement in the Alaska Plan mapping requirements that the intermediate (between endpoints or "nodes") location of certain fiber be reported to within 7.6 meters of accuracy. It said its members participating in the Alaska Plan are prepared to report the locations of their fiber links to commonly accepted industry levels of spatial accuracy, but in many cases the available information cannot satisfy the mandated level of accuracy and precision for all the fiber that must be reported. ATA said the relaxation of accuracy requirements for some fiber link reporting will not compromise the Commission's ability to utilize fiber maps to oversee the Alaska Plan.
- Hughes filed [a letter](#) on February 4, 2019, to respond to Viasat's December 18, 2018 [letter](#) regarding Hughes' [Petition for Reconsideration](#) and Viasat's [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the Network Testing Order. Hughes asserted, contrary to Viasat's claims, the Network Testing Order's specifications regarding high-latency bidders' obligations to conduct MOS testing of voice quality using only conversational-opinion tests was clear at the time of the CAF-II auction, and claimed it has consistently made clear that, "[f]rom a legal perspective, the petitions [both Hughes's and Viasat's] raise the question of whether the Commission can retroactively change the meaning of a gating criterion for a support auction after the auction is over." Hughes said the requirement to conduct this test is a gating criterion for the auction, and therefore, granting Viasat's petition to rewrite the MOS testing framework would represent the same kind of prohibited retroactive rulemaking for other qualified bidders in the nationwide CAF-II auction as would applying the Network Testing Order's MOS testing framework to participants in the New York auction.
- The FCC published [a notice](#) in the Federal Register on February 11, 2019, seeking PRA comments on a request for extension of an information collection that will be submitted to OMB after the comment period to obtain the full three-year clearance from OMB. It indicated the information being collected under this collection will be used by the Commission to ensure that each Mobility Fund I support

recipient is meeting the public interest obligations associated with receiving such support. PRA comments are due April 12, 2019.

- The Alaska Telecom Association filed [a letter](#) on February 8, 2019, on behalf of its members participating in the Alaska Plan as mobile carriers to respond to Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff questions on whether the population distribution model reasonably established approximate locations of the populations within each participant's service area. ATA agreed the November 2016 model reasonably approximates the locations of population areas for most of the areas, but indicated in a few areas it used other local data sources to override the population areas in the model to better reflect the location of population. It provided the Bureau with a DVD of the revised population distribution polygons, and indicated the census blocks with manually modified population polygons are listed in the attachment to this letter.
- The Rural Wireless Association filed [a Reply](#) on February 6, 2019, to the [response](#) filed by T-Mobile to RWA's [Informal Request for Commission Action](#), which asked the Commission to take certain actions in connection with the Mobility Fund Phase II coverage data submitted by T-Mobile. RWA said T-Mobile does not dispute the evidence or allegations regarding factual issues raised in the Informal Request, and claimed the Informal Request is a valid procedural vehicle for raising the claims at issue here. RWA also asserted T-Mobile's allegations of "apparent" CPNI violations provide no basis for rejecting the Informal Request.

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- The FCC published [a notice](#) in the Federal Register on February 5, 2019, seeking PRA comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection pursuant to section 69.605, Reporting and Distribution of Pool Access Revenues. Section 69.605 requires that access revenues and cost data shall be reported by participants in association tariffs to the association for computation of monthly pool revenues distributions, and that the association submit a report on or before February 1 of each calendar year describing the associations' cost study review process for the preceding calendar year as well as the results of that process. The information is used to compute charges in tariffs for access service (or origination and termination) and to compute revenue pool distributions. PRA comments are due April 8, 2019.
- Verizon filed [a letter](#) on February 7, 2019, regarding CenturyLink's Petition for Declaratory Ruling on the VoIP symmetry rule. Verizon said, contrary to CenturyLink's assertions, there is nothing arbitrary or capricious about the bright-line rule that for a LEC handling third-party VoIP traffic to bill tariffed end office switching rates, the "LEC-VoIP partnership must itself interconnect with last-mile facilities." Verizon also said CenturyLink errs in analogizing OTT VoIP traffic to traditional PBX systems and the "leaky PBX" phenomenon. Verizon asserted CenturyLink ignores the very reason for the VoIP symmetry rule: to allow a LEC to charge for work it is not performing but is performed instead by its VoIP partner.
- AT&T filed [a letter](#) on February 5, 2019, asserting the most effective way to eliminate the incentive to engage in intercarrier compensation arbitrage is to complete the move of the switched access regime to a default bill-and-keep regime. AT&T asked the Commission to begin the immediate transition of remaining switched access charges to a default bill-and-keep regime and ultimately de-tariff the industry. AT&T said, in the interim, the Commission should act on the pending Access Stimulation NPRM and enact only "Prong 1," which would shift the financial obligation to the access stimulator by making it financially responsible for calls delivered to its network.
- AT&T [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analysis staff on February 5, 2019, to discuss the investigation of Aureon's tariff submitted on September 24, 2018, and to respond to [Aureon's Second Direct Case](#), [Rebuttal](#), and ex parte submissions. AT&T discussed Aureon's allocation of cable and wire facilities costs to its centralized equal access service as well as its proposed switch investment. AT&T said it also presented information on the discrepancies in Aureon's circuit data and the impact of Aureon's third-party lease data on its fair market value calculation.

- Aureon Network Services filed a [letter](#) on February 4, 2019, indicating it is filing in the tariff investigation proceeding additional confidential information regarding Aureon's fiber rings and construction in the form of a third supplemental declaration from Pat Vaughan, Aureon's Engineering Manager.
- South Dakota Network [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on February 4, 2019, to discuss its [Direct Case](#), its [ex parte letter](#) of January 3, 2019, and CenturyLink's [opposition](#) in the case investigating SDN's 2018 Tariff No. 1. SDN asserted CenturyLink would not and cannot currently provide centralized equal access to SDN's subtending LECs and therefore cannot be considered the appropriate benchmark for that service. SDN also claimed while the oppositions focus on whether it would be fair to permit SDN to charge the benchmark it has calculated, SDN actually filed a cost-based rate that is significantly below the benchmark.

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## Broadband

- The D.C. Circuit issued an [Order](#) on January 28, 2019, scheduling oral argument for March 15, 2019, in the appeal of the March 2018 Wireless Infrastructure [Order](#). Petitions for Review were filed by the [United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma et al.](#), [the Seminole Tribe of Florida](#), the [National Resources Defense Council](#), and the [Crow Creek Tribe of South Dakota and Omaha Tribe of Oklahoma](#).
- The [Public Notice](#) announcing the City of New Orleans, et al. filed a [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the September 2018 [Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order](#) on wireless infrastructure deployment was published in the [Federal Register](#) on February 7, 2019. Oppositions to the Petition are due February 22, 2019; replies to an opposition are due March 4, 2019.
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on February 7, 2019, announcing the Office of Management and Budget has approved, for a period of three years, the information collection associated with the FCC's revised pole attachment complaint rules (section 1.1413) that were contained in the August 3, 2018 [Order](#). The FCC said it will use the information collected under this revision to section 1.1413 to hear and resolve pole attachment complaints brought by incumbent LECs. Section 1.1413 is effective March 11, 2019.
- The House Committee on Small Business' Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access held a [hearing](#) on February 7, 2019, entitled *Exploring Challenges and Opportunities of Underserved Businesses in the 21st Century*. [Michael Romano of NTCA](#) testified at the hearing, and said robust broadband must be available, affordable, and sustainable for rural small businesses and underserved populations to realize the economic, healthcare, education, and public safety benefits that advanced connectivity offers. He said the RUS and the High-Cost USF programs play important, but complementary, rather than redundant, roles in promoting the deployment and sustainability of broadband infrastructure in rural America. Testimony was also given by: [Marla Bilonick](#), Latino Economic Development Center; [Sharon Pinder](#), Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council; and [Davy Leghorn](#), American Legion Veterans Employment & Education Division.
- Rep. Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (R-P.R.) sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai on January 17, 2019, on USTelecom's [Petition for Forbearance](#) from certain regulatory obligations imposed on ILECs. She did not take any position on whether the FCC should grant the nationwide relief requested by USTelecom, but said the state of competition in Puerto Rico does not justify treating Puerto Rico differently from the rest of the states when it comes to the Petition and other nationwide deregulatory efforts the FCC may be undertaking. She said treating Puerto Rico differently in these deregulatory efforts may cause more harm than good in light of the current challenges in restoring and reconstructing Puerto Rico's telecommunications infrastructure.

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## Open Internet

- The House Communications and Technology Subcommittee held a [hearing](#) on February 7, 2019, entitled *Preserving an Open Internet for Consumers, Small Businesses, and Free Speech*. [Tom Wheeler](#) of the Brookings Institute said the policies articulated by the FCC prior to 2017, and crystalized in the 2015 [Order](#), are backbone concepts for the oversight of networks. He also said any further policy considerations should use the 2015 concepts as the starting point to securing the public's critical interest in a free and open internet. [Joseph Franell](#), CEO of Eastern Oregon Telecom, said the application of Title II as part of net neutrality had a dramatic effect on rural telecom and made investors hesitant to invest in the telecommunications sector; but since the repeal of net neutrality, investors have been much more willing to invest in rural telecommunications. Testimony was also given by: [Denelle Dixon](#), Mozilla; [Ruth Livier](#), UVLA doctoral student; and [Jessica Gonzalez](#), Free Press and the Free Press Action Fund.

## Call Completion

- Verizon [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Advisor and intern on February 5, 2019, to discuss implementation of the Improving Rural Quality and Reliability Act of 2017. Verizon suggested the Commission adopt flexible service quality standards for intermediate providers, and adopt flexible, technology-neutral service quality standards that are applicable to all carriers. It also urged the Commission to eliminate the data recording and retention requirements upon full implementation of the RCC Act.

## Universal Service

- The FCC issued an [Order](#) on February 4, 2019, creating a Fraud Division within its Enforcement Bureau. The FCC said this new division will investigate and prosecute fraud in the Universal Service Fund and will work with the FCC's Office of Inspector General, the U.S. Department of Justice, and other law enforcement agencies to prosecute unlawful conduct. The FCC [indicated](#) the Fraud Division will be established following review and approval by the Office of Management and Budget and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, as well as publication of the Order in the Federal Register.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 5, 2019, announcing the next National Lifeline Verifier launch in eight states, three territories, and the District of Columbia. A soft launch will begin on February 6, 2019, in Alaska, American Samoa, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, the Northern Mariana Islands, Rhode Island, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A full launch will begin on March 5, 2019, in Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.
- The FCC published a [notice](#) in the Federal Register on February 5, 2019, to announce the establishment of a computer matching program that the FCC and USAC will conduct with four non-Federal agencies to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the Lifeline program. Comments are due March 7, 2019, and the matching program will begin on that date, unless comments are received that require a contrary determination.
- Comments were due February 8, 2019, on GCI's [Application for Review](#) of a Wireline Competition Bureau [decision](#) that GCI claimed retroactively prescribed interstate interexchange rates for Funding Year 2017 services to rural health care providers at levels \$28 million below the rates established through competitive bidding for services provided by GCI to health care providers in the Telecom Program of the Rural Health Care Mechanism. Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative filed [comments](#) on February 4, 2019, saying the FCC should deny the AFR to the extent that it requests the Commission to overturn the decision and accept GCI's RHC rate justifications. ASTAC recommended the FCC conduct a full and open proceeding to establish the rural rate methodology to be applied for setting the rural rates that GCI and other providers in Alaska can use in the support calculation for projects awarded under the RHC program. Replies are due February 22, 2019. [Public Notice](#)

- Alaska Communications [met with](#) Chairman Pai and his Legal Advisor on January 31, 2019, to urge the Commission to modernize the Telecommunications Program of the Rural Health Care Universal Service Support Mechanism, and in particular to meet the Chairman's goal of adopting new rules in the first half of 2019.
- TIA [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on February 6, 2019, to discuss supply chain issues. TIA said Congress has recognized a serious national security concern regarding certain suppliers, and asserted the FCC USF proceeding should focus on certain suppliers of concern. TIA also said determinations of prohibited suppliers should derive from expert agencies and/or Congress.

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## Misc.

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- In addition to comments reported in a previous edition of *REGScan*, INCOMPAS filed [comments](#) on February 8, 2019, on the Second FNPRM and FNPRM that accompanied the [Report and Order](#) that allows certain RLECs that receive fixed high-cost support to transition from RoR regulation to incentive regulation for their business data services. [INCOMPAS](#) asserted the Commission's proposal to deregulate on a nationwide basis would lead to price increases for businesses and consumers across the country and would undercut regulatory protections in areas the Commission only recently determined lacked sufficient competition. INCOMPAS urged the Commission to propose a competitive market test that would deregulate only in areas where competitive forces are able to ensure just and reasonable rates. Replies are due March 11, 2019. [\(PN\) All comments available to date. FR](#)
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 6, 2019, seeking comments on NECA's December 20, 2018 [proposed revisions](#) to formulas used for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements. The revisions are proposed to become effective for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2019. Comments are due March 8, 2019; replies are due March 25, 2019.
- The FCC issued an [Order](#) on February 8, 2019, appointing Commissioner Geoffrey Starks to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations and the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. Commissioner Starks is also to become a member of the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services by virtue of his position on the Commission.
- In addition to comments reported in a previous edition of *REGScan*, comments were filed February 8, 2019, on the 2018 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations, which included rules in Parts 1, 8, 32, 36, 42, 43, 51, 52, 53, 54, 59, 61, 63, 64, 68 and 69. [USTelecom](#) suggested the FCC reexamine monopoly-era regulations that apply only to BOCs and ILECs, eliminate costly and burdensome accounting, reporting, and recordkeeping regulations, and streamline and repeal other regulations to improve efficiency, consistency, and fairness in FCC processes. [USTelecom](#) also filed comments on Parts 4 and 12 regulations administered by the Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau. [Cisco](#) filed comments on Part 15 rules administered by the Office of Engineering and Technology. Replies are due March 11, 2019. [\(PN\) All comments available to date. Public Notice](#)

- Rep. Franck Pallone (D-N.J.), Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, [reintroduced](#) the [Stopping Bad Robocalls Act](#) (HR 946) on February 4, 2019. The bill would: empower the FCC with strong enforcement tools to reign in robocallers; allow consumers to revoke consent they previously authorized to receive calls; codify a reassigned numbers database; require incoming calls to have verified caller identification information before they are delivered to customers; and extend the statute of limitations for callers violating robocall prohibitions.
- House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Frank Pallone (D-N.J.) and Communications and Technology Subcommittee Chairman Mike Doyle (D-Pa.) sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai on February 4, 2019, requesting information and documents related to the FCC's current workload, the work of its bureaus and offices, and the FCC's interactions with the public through its handling of consumer complaints and Freedom of Information Act requests. They requested information on consumer complaints the FCC has received on robocalls/spoofing, open internet/internet service speed, wireless service coverage/availability, rural call completion, telemarketing and unwanted calls, among other issues. They claimed the FCC has been unresponsive to Committee Democrats' oversight requests since Pai assumed the Chairmanship at the FCC two years ago. They requested a response by March 4, 2019. [Press Release](#)
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on February 6, 2019, which seeks Paperwork Reduction Act comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with ILEC unbundling obligations resulting from the 2005 [Order on Remand](#). The FCC noted the Remand Order, among other things, imposed unbundling obligations in a more targeted manner where requesting carriers have undertaken their own facilities-based investments and will be using UNEs in conjunction with self-provisioned facilities. PRA comments are due March 8, 2019.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 6, 2019, to announce comment dates and automatic grant dates for a number of domestic section 214 discontinuance applications that were not automatically granted during the government shutdown, as announced in a January 3, 2019 Public Notice. Comment dates vary by category.
- EATEL filed [a supplement](#) on February 5, 2019, to its section 214 application for FCC consent to transfer control of EATELCORP, the parent company of certain holders of Commission authority to provide domestic interstate telecommunications service, to Reserve Communications and Computer Corporation. It provided a list of EATEL subsidiaries that provide domestic interstate telecommunications services, noting EATEL is a holding company and does not provide telecommunications services in its own right. It also provided a list of Reserve subsidiaries that provide domestic interstate telecommunications services, noting Reserve is a holding company and does not provide telecommunications services in its own right. EATEL filed [another supplement](#) on February 8, 2019.
- The FCC issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 6, 2019, announcing Public Knowledge, et al. filed a [Petition for Reconsideration](#) on January 28, 2019, of the December 13, 2018 [Declaratory Ruling](#) that classified SMS and MMS wireless messaging as information services. Oppositions to the Petition will be due 15 days after publication of this Public Notice in the Federal Register. Replies to oppositions will be due 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.
- Flowroute filed a [letter](#) on February 6, 2019, to notify the FCC that it relinquishes its authorization to obtain numbering resources from the Numbering Administrator as an interconnected VoIP provider. Flowroute said this authorization is no longer required because Flowroute was merged into West Telecom Services Holdings, effective February 1, 2019. As a result of the transaction, the numbers held by Flowroute were transferred to West Telecom Services and West Telecom holds authorization to obtain numbering resources from the Numbering Administrator as a common carrier.

## Upcoming Filing Dates

\*Note: Per the FCC's January 29, 2019 [Public Notice](#), due dates were further revised, as a result of the recent lapse in federal funding.

- Feb. 11 - Comments due on Bloosurf's [Petition for Designation](#) as an ETC in Delaware and Maryland. Bloosurf is a winning bidder of CAF Phase II auction support for census blocks in those States. Replies are due February 19, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- Feb. 12 - Comments due on [Meriweather Lewis Connect](#) and [HolstonConnect](#)'s separate petitions for designation as an ETC. Each of the petitioners is a winning bidder of CAF Phase II auction support. Replies are due February 19, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- Feb. 13 - Replies due on issues raised in the [NPRM](#) on promoting telehealth in rural areas related to determining the urban and rural rates used to calculate support in the Telecommunications Program within the Rural Health Care Program. [Public Notice](#) \*
- Feb. 15 - Comments due on Comcast IP Phone's application for authorization to obtain NANP telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators for its iVoIP service. [Public Notice](#)
- Feb. 19 - Replies due on Bloosurf's [Petition for Designation](#) as an ETC in Delaware and Maryland. Bloosurf is a winning bidder of CAF Phase II auction support for census blocks in those States. [Public Notice](#)
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- Feb. 22 - Oppositions due to the City of New Orleans, et al.'s [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the September 2018 [Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order](#) on wireless infrastructure deployment. Replies due March 4, 2019. [FR](#)
- Feb. 22 - Replies due on GCI's [Application for Review](#) of a Bureau decision approving cost-based rural rates for certain Funding Year 2017 funding requests for services provided by GCI to health care providers in the Telecom Program of the Rural Health Care Mechanism. [Public Notice](#) \*
- Feb. 25 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with certain Part 64 rules on cost allocation. [Notice](#)
- Mar. 4- Replies due to oppositions to the City of New Orleans, et al.'s [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the September 2018 [Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order](#) on wireless infrastructure deployment. [FR](#)
- Mar. 7 - Comments due on a computer matching program that the FCC and USAC will conduct with four non-Federal agencies to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the Lifeline program. [FR Notice](#)
- Mar. 8 - Comments due on the [FNPRM](#) that was attached to the December 13, 2018 Report and Order that offered additional funding to carriers that currently receive A-CAM support in exchange for deploying broadband at increased speeds, among other things. Replies are due April 8, 2019. [FR](#)
- Mar. 8 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with ILEC unbundling obligations resulting from the 2005 [Order on Remand](#). [FR](#)

- Mar. 8 - Comments due on NECA's December 20, 2018 [proposed revisions](#) to formulas used for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements. The revisions are proposed to become effective for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2019. Replies are due March 25, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
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- Mar. 11 - Replies due on the 2018 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations, which seeks comments on amending rules in Parts 1, 8, 32, 36, 42, 43, 51, 52, 53, 54, 59, 61, 63, 64, 68 and 69. [Public Notice](#) \*
- Mar. 25 - Replies due on NECA's December 20, 2018 [proposed revisions](#) to formulas used for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements. The revisions are proposed to become effective for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2019. [Public Notice](#)
- Apr. 8 - Replies due on the [FNPRM](#) that was attached to the December 13, 2018 Report and Order that offered additional funding to carriers that currently receive A-CAM support in exchange for deploying broadband at increased speeds, among other things. [FR](#)
- Apr. 8 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection pursuant to [section 69.605](#), Reporting and Distribution of Pool Access Revenues, Part 69-Access Charges. [FR Notice](#)
- Apr. 12 - PRA comments due on a request for extension of an information collection associated with Mobility Fund I support. [FR notice](#)

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