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February 13, 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Chairman Pai [pledged](#) his office will share with the Commissioners every item that will be considered at an Open Meeting before anyone in his office discusses the content of those items publicly or the FCC releases the text of those documents. Chairman Pai [announced](#) when the FCC releases the text of meeting items, it will also release a one-page fact sheet summarizing the proposal, and any substantive edits made to an item between the time it is circulated and the meeting at which the Commissioners vote on it should have to be proposed by a Commissioner, rather than staff. Chairman Pai [announced](#) changes to the process of granting editorial privileges to the staff of the relevant Bureaus and Offices after an item is adopted at the FCC's Open Meetings. Chairman Pai [instructed](#) the Enforcement Bureau that any consent decree settling a Notice of Apparent Liability or Forfeiture Order issued by the full Commission must now be approved by a vote of the full Commission.
- Cambridge Telephone, Direct Communications, MTE Communications, and WTA [discussed](#) full funding of both the A-CAM Path and the RoR Path for USF high cost support.
- The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation will hold a [hearing](#) on March 8, 2017, on FCC oversight. Chairman Pai and Commissioners Clyburn and O'Rielly will be witnesses.
- Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai, to express concerns with the Commission's [decision](#) to retract the [E-rate Modernization Progress Report](#). Fifteen Democratic Senators sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai, expressing concern with the FCC's action revoking the Lifeline Broadband Provider status of nine providers.
- The WCB [seeks comment](#) on NECA's 2017 proposed [modification](#) of average schedule formulas. Comments are due March 13; replies due March 28.
- Organizations representing rural America [asked](#) President Trump to designate a senior member of the White House staff and/or create an Office of Rural Policy within the Executive Office of the President to focus specifically on rural issues.
- The FCC [clarified](#) the means by which ILECs may provide interconnecting entities and governmental authorities with copies of copper retirement notices and granted Verizon's request for clarification that a carrier provide a hyperlink to a searchable online list of addresses or locations where copper is to be retired.
- [Comments were filed](#) on the [continued applicability](#) of the study area waiver granted to SIC in 2005, which provided it ILEC status for purposes of receiving high-cost support. Comments were also filed on the [NAL for Forfeiture](#) that proposed a fine of \$49M on SIC, Waimana Enterprises, and its former controlling owner.
- The WCB [seeks comment](#) on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' [request](#) for guidance on whether SIC's license to provide telecommunications services to the Hawaiian home lands conflicts with section 253(a). Comments are due February 20; replies due February 27.
- SIC [seeks court review](#) of the [MO&O](#) that granted AT&T's [Application for Review](#) and denied SIC's [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the [Declaratory Ruling](#) on undersea cable lease expenses.
- [The VON Coalition](#) and [Consumer Action, CFA, et al.](#) filed comments on the [Joint Petition](#) filed by ACA, ITTA, NCTA, NTCA, USTelecom, and WTA, et al. asking the FCC to stay the [broadband privacy rules](#) while the FCC addresses the [petitions for reconsideration](#). [Level 3](#) and [INCOMPAS](#) urged the FCC to exclude the business customer exemption and elimination of recordkeeping from any grant of the Joint Stay Petition.

Other Key Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 13 - Comments due on whether to expand the A-CAM budget for RoR carriers to provide additional funding with an associated increase in broadband deployment obligations. Replies due February 27. [FR Notice](#)
- Feb. 16 - Oppositions due to SIC's [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the [Order](#) that found SIC improperly received payments in the amount of \$27,270,390 from the federal high-cost support mechanisms from 2002 to June 2015. Replies due February 27. [FR](#)

USF Reform

- Cambridge Telephone Company, Direct Communications, MTE Communications, and WTA [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Legal Advisor on February 7, 2017, to discuss full funding of both the A-CAM Path and the RoR Path for USF high cost support. They emphasized the importance of viewing broadband deployment in terms of the construction of a comprehensive network infrastructure rather than focusing on locations or speeds, and indicated from their experience fiber optic networks are much more cost-effective in the long run. WTA indicated its interest in working with the Commission to find ways to accomplish full and sufficient funding of both the ACAM Path and the RoR Path, including ways that the attainment of a fiber-based public broadband network can help achieve cost savings for the E-Rate, Rural Health Care, and Lifeline programs.
- USTelecom [met with](#) Legal Advisors to Chairman Pai and [Commissioner O'Rielly](#) on February 7, 2017, to discuss the formulation and use of bidding weights in a potential CAF Phase II auction. It attached [a letter](#), filed February 9, 2017, that contained tables illustrating what it claimed are the trade-offs between higher speeds and locations served, and also contained proposed sample bidding weights. USTelecom said by ensuring reasonable weighting of the speeds that customers actually demand, the Commission can deliver broadband service to as many Americans as possible, which is ultimately the fundamental goal of the high-cost universal service program.
- The American Cable Association [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on February 2, 2017, to review ACA's proposed methodology to weight bids in the CAF Phase II competitive bidding process. ACA claimed its weighting methodology was designed to strike an appropriate balance between broadband performance and cost-effectiveness, and would achieve this outcome by enabling bidders, regardless of which network technology they deploy, to have a similar opportunity to prevail in the auction. ACA proposed that Gigabit bids should receive a modest percent advantage over Above-Baseline bids, and bids for the Minimum tier should receive a minimal penalty. It also suggested bids for High-Latency should receive a modest penalty.
- The National Tribal Telecommunications Association and Gila River Telecommunications [met with](#) Commissioner O'Rielly's Legal Advisor on February 7, 2017, to reiterate the importance of waiving or modifying the OpEx limitation rule for carriers with a majority of locations in census blocks on Tribal lands. They said given five companies have accepted A-CAM support, they now estimate a total of 14 carriers could be eligible for such relief, and claimed the overall impact to the Fund of granting the relief would be negligible, but the impact on these companies would be substantial.
- ATN International, AT&T Services, and Buffalo-Lake Erie Wireless [met with](#) staff from the Wireless Telecommunications and Wireline Competition Bureaus on February 6 and 8, 2017, to discuss their joint proposal for the Mobility Fund II. They urged the Commission to adopt it without further delay.
- Atlantic Tele-Network, AT&T Services, and Buffalo-Lake Erie Wireless filed [a letter](#) on February 9, 2017, to submit a revised version of their proposal for the Mobility Fund II. The revised proposal includes suggestions to target geographic areas without LTE, estimate costs, improve coverage data, improve detailed specifications for FCC data submissions, and service and deployment obligations.
- The Competitive Carriers Association [met with](#) Legal Advisors to Chairman Pai and staff from the Wireline Competition and Wireless Telecommunication Bureaus on February 7 and 8, 2017, to reiterate its support for reforming the Mobility Fund II program, reforming the FCC data collection process, which determines what areas of the country are eligible to receive funding, and implementing a tiered phase-down period for USF legacy support over several years. It noted a bipartisan group of 30 Senators recently said that "wireless carriers need long-term certainty of ongoing support to invest, deploy, maintain, and update their networks that provide vital mobile broadband services in rural areas."
- Nielsen Holdings [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Advisors on February 3, 2017, to discuss ways to measure mobile coverage. It urged the Commission not to craft any Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process in

a way that would exclude the use of Nielsen data as a source of evidence to verify or dispute the presence of LTE (or any other technology) in a particular area.

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Open Internet

- NCTA and USTelecom filed a [letter](#) on February 3, 2017, to express support for motions filed by [CCA, et al.](#) and [CTIA and CCA](#) seeking a stay of the enhanced transparency requirements adopted in the Open Internet [Order](#). They asserted the motions support granting relief across the industry, rather than staying the requirements only for the members of the associations that filed the motions. They said if the Commission decides to grant a stay of the enhanced transparency requirements, it should do so for all BIAS providers.

Broadband

- Comments and oppositions were filed on February 6, 2017, on the [Joint Petition](#) filed by ACA, CCA, CTIA, ITTA, NCTA, NTCA, USTelecom, WISPA, and WTA asking the FCC to stay the broadband privacy rules [adopted](#) in November 2016 while the FCC addresses the [petitions for reconsideration](#). [The VON Coalition](#) supports the Joint Petition for stay as it relates to provisions concerning regulated voice services, but asked the Commission to exclude from the stay the adoption of section 64.2010 and the elimination of section 64.2009. VON indicated it takes no position on the request for stay of the rules applicable to broadband internet access. [Consumer Action, Consumer Federation of America](#), et al. filed an Opposition, claiming Joint Petitioners are not likely to succeed on the merits, and saying the economic harms Joint Petitioners describe are not irreparable, but rather are theoretical, grossly exaggerated, or represent routine costs associated with compliance.
- Level 3 [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Legal Advisor on February 7, 2017, to discuss the [Joint Petition](#) filed by ACA, CCA, ITTA, NCTA, NTCA, WTA, et al. asking the FCC to stay the broadband privacy rules [adopted](#) in November 2016 while the FCC addresses the [petitions for reconsideration](#) and Level 3's [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the Order. Level 3 urged the FCC to exclude the business customer exemption from any grant of the Joint Stay Petition, and expressed support for the position taken in the Stay Request and in [VON's comments](#) that the Commission preserve its decision eliminating the recordkeeping and annual certification requirements formerly contained in the section 64.2009. Level 3 also discussed assessing regulatory fees on terrestrial International Bearer Circuits. Level 3 also [spoke with](#) Commissioner O'Rielly's Legal Advisor to discuss the same issues.
- INCOMPAS filed a [letter](#) on February 10, 2017, supporting the requests from the [VON Coalition](#) and [Level 3](#) for the FCC to exclude the privacy and data security exemption for enterprise voice customers and the elimination of recordkeeping and annual certification requirements from any potential stay of the Broadband Privacy Order. INCOMPAS said it takes no position on the ACA, CCA, ITTA, NCTA, NTCA, WTA, et al. [Joint Petition](#)'s request for a stay with respect to the BIAS rules adopted by the Commission in its Order, but asserted preserving the exemption for enterprise customers as well as the elimination of recordkeeping and annual certification requirements in the Order is consistent with the Commission's goal to eliminate unnecessary rules.

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IP Transition

- The Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau issued [an Order](#) on February 10, 2017, clarifying the means by which ILECs may provide interconnecting entities and governmental authorities with copies of copper retirement notices for purposes of Section 51.332, and granting Verizon's Petition that sought clarification that a carrier can meet this obligation by providing paper copies that contain, in lieu of a printed list of affected addresses, a "hyperlink to a searchable online list

of addresses or locations where copper is to be retired.” The Division clarified that sections 51.332(b)(2) and (b)(4) permit ILECs to provide copies of copper retirement notifications to interconnecting entities and governmental authorities in the manner Verizon proposed in its Petition.

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USF

- Commissioner O’Rielly sent a [letter](#) to USAC on February 9, 2017, asking for its assistance in identifying and eradicating potential waste in the E-rate program. He asked for information on self-construction funding, including the number of applicants seeking funding for self-construction, how many requests would result in overbuilding a separate provider’s network, and how many requests were denied on cost-effective grounds, among other things.
- Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai on February 8, 2017, to express concerns with the Commission’s [decision](#) to retract the [E-rate Modernization Progress Report](#). Sen. Nelson asserted the action to quash a staff report providing an analysis and progress report of the agency’s E-rate modernization efforts shows a troubling disinterest in the facts.
- Fifteen Democratic Senators sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai on February 10, 2017, expressing concern with the Commission’s action revoking the Lifeline Broadband Provider status of nine providers. They asserted the action would have far-reaching impacts, and said all the companies followed the rules and committed no fraud or wrongdoing. They also said the decision could limit choices for Lifeline consumers and increase consumer cost of the program.
- Gigi Sohn, former Counselor to Former FCC Chairman Wheeler, wrote a [blog post](#) for the Benton Foundation discussing Chairman Pai’s Lifeline designations reversal. She asserted it will widen the digital divide and make the market for Lifeline broadband services less competitive, limiting choice and keeping prices high. She also said the decision reduces competition in the Lifeline market and will likely discourage any new applicants from providing Lifeline service.
- Q Link Wireless filed a [letter](#) on February 9, 2017, to amend its Petitions for [ETC designation](#) and designation as a [Lifeline Broadband provider](#). Q Link said the modifications include: limiting the LBP Petition to the ten states for which the FCC designates ETCs and removing any Tribal lands from the scope of that Petition; updating the list of plans to be offered to reflect the minimum voice and/or data requirements, as applicable; making clear that to the extent the ETC Petition conflicts with the terms of the third Lifeline [Order](#) or any other subsequent changes to the Commission’s rules, Q Link will conform its processes to those rules and setting forth a specific set of rigorous conditions with respect to both its requests for LBP and ETC designations to prevent the waste, fraud, and abuse problems the Commission and states have discovered with other Lifeline providers.
- FreedomPop [met with](#) Chairman Pai’s Senior Counsel on February 3, 2017, to contest the [Order](#) revoking all previously granted Lifeline Broadband Provider designations, including the one granted to FreedomPop. FreedomPop asserted the Order is flawed and that, at minimum, this matter deserved further consideration so the Commission could provide a transparent and timely path forward for willing service providers looking to bring innovative and competitive broadband services to eligible Lifeline consumers. [Boomerang Wireless](#) and [KonaTel](#) also met with Chairman Pai’s Counsel and expressed the same concerns regarding revocation of their designations.
- The Navajo Nation sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai on February 3, 2017, to express concern with the recent USAC decision to require Navajo Nation Lifeline subscribers to provide documents verifying their identity within 45 days. It said many subscribers live in remote areas with no mail service. It asked the Commission to direct USAC to work with the carriers and the NNRTC to resolve the issue in a way that will not jeopardize subscribers’ safety.

- The FCC issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 9, 2017, announcing release of the 2017 FCC Forms 499-A (annual Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet), to be used in 2017 to report 2016 revenues, and 499-Q (quarterly Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet), to be used in 2017 to report projected and collected revenues on a quarterly basis, and accompanying instructions for both.

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State Actions

- The California Cable and Telecommunications Association, et al. filed an [application for rehearing](#) of a California PUC [decision](#) on addressing intrastate rural call completion issues. They said the decision presents a number of procedural and substantive legal errors that merit rehearing, and claimed this proceeding was explicitly framed as an investigation, not a rulemaking, and specifically stated that it would not involve the enactment of new regulations.

Misc.

- The FCC issued a [News Release](#) on February 6, 2017, announcing Chairman Pai has instituted an FCC process reform measure. Chairman Pai said he pledges that during his tenure as Chairman, his office will share with every Commissioner's office every item that will be considered at an Open Meeting before anyone in his office discusses the content of those items publicly or the FCC releases the text of those documents.
- Chairman Pai [announced](#) on February 7, 2017, the FCC will implement two process reform measures proposed by Commissioners Clyburn and O'Rielly. The first is Commissioner Clyburn's suggestion that when the FCC releases the text of meeting items, it should also release a one-page fact sheet that summarizes the proposal in question. Pai said the FCC will do this beginning with the release of any items for the March meeting. Pai also said the FCC will implement Commissioner O'Rielly's proposal that any substantive edits made to an item between the time it is circulated and the meeting at which the Commissioners vote on it should have to be proposed by a Commissioner, rather than staff. Commissioner O'Rielly issued a [statement](#).
- Chairman Pai issued a [statement](#) on February 9, 2017, making changes to the process of granting editorial privileges to the staff of the relevant Bureaus and Offices after an item is adopted at the Commission's Open Meetings. Pai said beginning at this month's Open Meeting on February 23, 2017, editorial privileges granted to Bureaus and Offices will extend only to technical and conforming edits to items, and any substantive changes made to items following a meeting must be proposed by a Commissioner. Commissioner O'Rielly issued a [statement](#).
- Chairman Pai [announced](#) on February 8, 2017, he has instructed the Enforcement Bureau that any consent decree settling a Notice of Apparent Liability or Forfeiture Order issued by the full Commission must now be approved by a vote of the full Commission. Pai said over the past few years, in cases in which the full Commission had previously voted to propose and/or impose a forfeiture, such consent decrees have generally not been presented to the Commissioners for a vote, and instead have simply been signed by the Chief of the Enforcement Bureau at the direction of the Chairman's Office.
- AT&T published a [blog post](#) on February 8, 2017, claiming there are a number of areas where the FCC enforcement process should be significantly improved. AT&T asserted the Enforcement Bureau has recently used enforcement actions to create substantive requirements that have not previously been articulated or formally adopted by the FCC. AT&T also claimed the Bureau has adopted a pattern of rushing to judgment on NALs, but then fails to convert those NALs into final forfeiture orders.
- The FCC released an [Order](#) on February 7, 2017, appointing Commissioner O'Rielly as the federal chair of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, the Federal-State Joint Board on

Jurisdictional Separations, and the Advanced Services Joint Conference. Chairman Pai, and Commissioner Clyburn are also members of the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services by virtue of their positions on the Commission.

- The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation will hold a [hearing](#) on March 8, 2017, entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission.” Chairman Pai and Commissioners Clyburn and O’Rielly will be witnesses.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 9, 2017, seeking comment on NECA’s December 22, 2016 proposed [modification](#) of average schedule formulas. The revisions are proposed to become effective for a one-year period beginning on July 1, 2017. Comments are due March 13; replies due March 28.
- Comments were filed on February 3, 2017, on the [Public Notice](#) on the continued applicability of the study area waiver granted to Sandwich Isles Communications in 2005, which provided it status as an ILEC for purposes of receiving high-cost support. Comments were also filed on the December 5, 2016 [Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture and Order](#), which proposed a fine of \$49,598,448 on SIC, its parent company Waimana Enterprises, and its former controlling owner. [SIC](#) claimed there is no relevant ground upon which to contemplate a retroactive denial of a waiver that was granted nearly two decades ago. SIC also responded to the NAL Order, asserting the proposed sanctions must be rejected. The [Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands](#) said it is important that in dealing with Sandwich Isles, the FCC pursue remedial actions and exercise its enforcement authority in a manner that ensures the residents of the home lands obtain broadband services at rates, terms, and conditions reasonably comparable to those available in urban areas. [The Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homeland Assembly](#) proposed reform measures for SIC, and said the FCC should first focus on reforms instead of disqualifying SIC from USF support. Comments also filed by [Waimana Enterprises](#) and [Albert Hee](#).
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 6, 2017, seeking comment on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands’ [request](#) for guidance on whether terms of the exclusive license it provided “in perpetuity” to Waimana Enterprises, the parent company of Sandwich Isles, and a subsequent, partial assignment of that license directly to Sandwich Isles to provide telecommunications services to the Hawaiian home lands conflicts with section 253(a). Comments are due February 20; replies due February 27.
- Sandwich Isles Communications filed a [Petition for Review](#) with the D.C. Circuit Court on February 6, 2017, of the [Memorandum Opinion and Order](#) that granted AT&T’s [Application for Review](#) and denied Sandwich Isles’ [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the WCB’s 2010 [Declaratory Ruling](#) that decided certain disputed Paniolo undersea cable lease expenses should be included in SIC’s revenue requirement for recovery through the NECA pooling process. SIC asserted the MO&O substantially reduced the subsidy payments that SIC would receive for lease expenses for undersea cables that provide telecommunications services to rural areas of Hawaii.
- Organizations representing rural America sent a [letter](#) to President Trump on February 8, 2017, suggesting the designation of a senior member of the White House staff and/or an Office of Rural Policy within the Executive Office of the President to focus specifically on rural issues. They said multiple federal agencies have an impact on rural areas, and coordination among those agencies is essential to ensuring that the resources of the Federal government are efficiently and effectively used.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 9, 2017, seeking comment on Panhandle Telephone Cooperative’s December 8, 2016 [Petition](#) for extraordinary retirement of its fixed wireless loop network. Panhandle requested authority to record journal entries to credit Account 3212, Accumulated Depreciation, and a corresponding entry to debit Account 1438, Deferred Maintenance and Retirements, pursuant to section 32.2000(g)(4) to complete an extraordinary retirement of the company’s investment in its fixed wireless local loop network to deploy both voice and broadband services to customers in remote areas of its study area utilizing LTE technology. Comments due February 24, 2017.

- AT&T, Verizon, and CenturyLink filed [a letter](#) on February 3, 2017, to augment their January 26, 2017 [letter](#), which described a framework for transitioning price cap carriers from Part 32 to GAAP accounting. They asserted Part 32 regulations, as applied to price cap carriers, are no longer necessary and any purposes the rules served can be accomplished using GAAP data the companies maintain for other purposes. They acknowledged that it may be appropriate for the Commission to consider a transition solely with respect to pole attachments, and suggested adopting language modifying § 1.1409(g) as shown in Appendix B of the January 26 letter.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 7, 2017, seeking comment on Neustar's request to approve its new owner, Aerial Investors LLC, formed by Golden Gate Private Equity. The Bureau indicated Neustar said that in order to ensure that it remains impartial and neutral, its new ownership has agreed to implement a neutrality plan, pursuant to which the entire ownership interest in Neustar will be placed in a voting trust controlled by Golden Gate Capital. Comments are due March 9; replies due March 24.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 9, 2017, announcing PriceWaterhouseCoopers, the LNP Transition Oversight Manager, will host a LNP Administrator Transition Outreach and Education Plan webcast on February 15, 2017. Interested parties may register for the webcast by visiting: <https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1133767>.
- Onvoy Spectrum filed a [reply](#) on February 6, 2017, on its [Petition for Waiver](#) of section 52.15(g)(2) to allow it to obtain pseudo-ANIs directly from numbering administrators for use in its 911 solution for data-only devices using over-the-top VoIP. Onvoy stated commenters unanimously supported the Petition, and claimed its solution allows the millions of Americans using devices that are not connected to CMRS to reach vital 911 services from those devices. [Public Notice](#)
- The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on February 8, 2017, announcing that the [Public Notice](#) on whether certain docketed Commission proceedings should be terminated as dormant was [published](#) in the Federal Register on February 2, 2017. Comments are due March 6; replies are due March 20.
- AT&T [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Legal Advisor on February 6, 2016, to discuss the status of the Business Data Services docket. AT&T said based on the existing record, the Commission could come to a final resolution on BDS that is just, reasonable, and grounded in the evidence. AT&T also met with Chairman Pai's Senior Counsel to discuss the Commission's [motion](#) to hold AT&T's appeal of the Tariff Investigation [Order](#) in abeyance.
- The FCC published a [Notice](#) in the Federal Register on February 9, 2017, seeking PRA comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection covering the conditional forbearance relief granted by the Commission from Cost Assignment Rules, Property Record Rules, ARMIS Report 43–01, and the Structural Separation Requirement for price cap LECs in the May 17, 2013 USTelecom Forbearance [Order](#). The Notice indicated since release of the USTelecom Order, eight price cap LECs have received conditional forbearance relief from Cost Assignment Rules, Property Record Rules, and the ARMIS Report 43–01 Requirement, and none of these LECs has sought forbearance from the Structural Separation Requirement. Comments are due April 10, 2017.

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Upcoming Filing Dates

- Feb. 13 - Comments due on whether to expand the A–CAM budget for rate-of-return carriers to provide additional funding with an associated increase in broadband deployment obligations, pursuant to the December 20, 2016 [FNPRM](#). Replies due February 27. [Federal Register Notice](#)
- Feb. 14 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with section 69.123, on density pricing zone plans. [Notice](#)

- Feb. 16 - Oppositions due to Sandwich Isles Communications filed a [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the [Order](#) that found SIC improperly received payments in the amount of \$27,270,390 from the federal high-cost support mechanisms from 2002 to June 2015. Replies due February 27. [FR](#)
- Feb. 20 - Comments due on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' [request](#) for guidance on whether terms of the exclusive license it provided "in perpetuity" to Waimana Enterprises, the parent company of Sandwich Isles, and a subsequent, partial assignment of that license directly to Sandwich Isles to provide telecommunications services to the Hawaiian home lands conflicts with section 253(a). Replies due February 27. [Public Notice](#)
- Feb. 24 - Comments due on Panhandle Telephone Cooperative's December 8, 2016 [Petition](#) for extraordinary retirement of its fixed wireless loop network. [Public Notice](#)
- Feb. 27 - PRA comments due on a revision to a currently approved information collection associated with Form 481 and its instructions to provide clarification for some reporting items and to reflect certain updates. [Notice](#)
- Feb. 27 - Replies due on whether to expand the A-CAM budget for rate-of-return carriers to provide additional funding with an associated increase in broadband deployment obligations, pursuant to the December 20, 2016 [FNPRM](#). [FR Notice](#)
- Feb. 27- Replies due to oppositions to Sandwich Isles Communications filed a [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the [Order](#) that found SIC improperly received payments in the amount of \$27,270,390 from the federal high-cost support mechanisms from 2002 to June 2015. [FR](#)
- Feb. 27 - Replies due on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' [request](#) for guidance on whether terms of the exclusive license it provided "in perpetuity" to Waimana Enterprises, the parent company of Sandwich Isles, and a subsequent, partial assignment of that license directly to Sandwich Isles to provide telecommunications services to the Hawaiian home lands conflicts with section 253(a). [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 6 - Comments due on the [Public Notice](#) seeking comment on whether certain docketed proceedings listed in the attachment to the Public Notice should be terminated as dormant. Replies are due March 20. [FR](#)
- Mar. 9 - Comments due on Neustar's request to approve its new owner, Aerial Investors LLC, formed by Golden Gate Private Equity. Replies due March 24. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 13 - PRA comments due on a new information collection on data breach reporting, as required by the October 2016 Broadband Privacy [Order](#). [Notice](#)
- Mar. 13 - Comments due on NECA's December 22, 2016 proposed [modification](#) of average schedule formulas. The revisions are proposed to become effective for a one-year period beginning on July 1, 2017. Replies due March 28. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 20 - Replies due on the [Public Notice](#) seeking comment on whether certain docketed proceedings listed in the attachment to the Public Notice should be terminated as dormant. [FR](#)
- Mar. 24 - Replies due on Neustar's request to approve its new owner, Aerial Investors LLC, formed by Golden Gate Private Equity. [Public Notice](#)
- Mar. 28 - Replies due on NECA's December 22, 2016 proposed [modification](#) of average schedule formulas. The revisions are proposed to become effective for a one-year period beginning on July 1, 2017. [Public Notice](#)

- Ap. 17 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection covering the conditional forbearance relief granted by the Commission from Cost Assignment Rules, Property Record Rules, ARMIS Report 43–01, and the Structural Separation Requirement for price cap LECs in the May 17, 2013. [Notice](#)
- May 4 - Comments due on the [Public Notice](#) seeking comment on whether the rules adopted in 2001 – 2004 should be continued without change or should be amended or rescinded, consistent with the stated objective of section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. [FR](#)

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