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March 9, 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- The FCC released the [public notice](#) that proposes pre-and post-auction application and competitive bidding procedures for Phase I of the RDOF, which was adopted at its February Open Meeting. Comments are due March 27, 2020; replies are due April 10, 2020. The FCC also [announced](#) the [availability of a technical guide](#) on RDOF proposed bidding procedures.
- PRA comments [are due](#) May 4, 2020, on revisions of currently approved information collections associated with rate-of-return carrier universal service reporting requirements filed on FCC Forms 507, 508 and 509, and [with](#) high-cost universal service support filed on FCC Form 481.
- Responses [are due](#) on the [public notice](#) seeking to assess parties' continuing interests in [petitions for reconsideration](#) of various aspects of the ICC provisions of the 2011 Transformation Order.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau [granted](#) petitions filed by [TrioTel](#), [Farmers Mutual Telephone of Stanton, Iowa](#), and [Inter-Community Telephone](#), which sought a waiver of certain Part 51 rules to modify 2011 Base Period Revenue to allow them to merge affiliated rate-of-return study areas.
- USTelecom, AT&T, et al. [discussed](#) USTelecom's [proposal](#) for 8YY reform.
- The Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, Wireline Competition Bureau, and the Office of Economics and Analytics [announced](#) they are ready to authorize CAF Phase II support for 150 winning bids.
- Chairman Pai [announced](#) the FCC will consider a proposal at its March 31, 2020 Open Meeting requiring originating and terminating voice service providers to implement STIR/SHAKEN in the IP portions of their networks by June 30, 2021.
- [Replies](#) were filed on the [NPRM](#) establishing a process for the registration of a single consortium that conducts private-led efforts to trace back the origin of suspected unlawful robocalls. [Replies were also filed](#) on the FCC's first staff report on call blocking.
- USAC filed the [Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Quarterly Contribution Base](#) for second quarter 2020.
- The FCC [denied](#) Blanca Telephone's [petition](#) for reconsideration of an [order](#) affirming a [directive](#) demanding Blanca repay \$6.7 million in universal service support to which it was not entitled.
- [Replies were filed](#) on the supply chain [FNPRM](#).
- The Office of Economics and Analytics issued voice telephone services reports that summarized the information collected on telephone services [as of June 30, 2018](#), and [as of December 31, 2018](#).

Other Key Upcoming Dates

- Mar. 19 - Replies [due](#) on NECA's [proposed average schedule formulas](#).
- Mar. 27 - Comments due on the process of establishing RDOF Phase I auction application and competitive bidding procedures. Replies are due April 10, 2020. [public notice](#)

USF Reform

- The FCC released the [public notice](#) that launches the process of establishing pre-and post-auction application procedures and competitive bidding procedures for Phase I of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, which was adopted at the FCC's February 28, 2020 Open Meeting. Phase I of the auction will award up to \$16 billion over 10 years to service providers that commit to offer voice and broadband services to fixed locations in eligible unserved high-cost census blocks. The FCC said it expects bidding to begin on October 22, 2020. Comments are due March 27, 2020; replies are due April 10, 2020.
- The Office of Economics and Analytics, in conjunction with the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force and the Wireline Competition Bureau, issued a [public notice](#) on March 2, 2020, announcing the [availability of a guide](#) that provides technical and mathematical details regarding the proposed bidding procedures for Phase I of the RDOF. The OEA said the guide provides examples and serves as a supplement to the bidding and bid processing procedures for the descending clock auction as proposed in the Auction 904 [public notice](#).
- The Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, Wireline Competition Bureau, and the Office of Economics and Analytics issued a [public notice](#) on March 5, 2020, announcing they are ready to authorize CAF Phase II Auction 903 support for the 150 winning bids identified in attachment A of the public notice. They said that to be authorized to receive the total 10-year support amounts listed in attachment A, the long-form applicants identified are required to submit acceptable irrevocable standby letter(s) of credit and Bankruptcy Code opinion letter(s) from their legal counsel for each state where they have winning bids that are ready to be authorized by the applicable deadline, which is 6:00 p.m., March 19, 2020.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau, in conjunction with the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force and the Office of Economics and Analytics, issued an [order](#) on March 2, 2020, granting Gila Local Exchange Carrier's and Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee's petitions for waiver of the November 5, 2018 letter of credit commitment letter deadline for the CAF Phase II auction.
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on March 3, 2020, seeking Paperwork Reduction Act comments on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with rate-of-return carrier universal service reporting requirements filed on FCC Forms 507, 508 and 509. The FCC said due to the rule changes in the [December 2018 RoR Reform Order](#), it proposes to revise this information collection and to increase the burdens associated with existing reporting requirements to account for additional carriers that will be subject to those requirements. PRA comments are due May 4, 2020.
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on March 3, 2020, seeking Paperwork Reduction Act comments on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with high-cost universal service support filed on FCC Form 481. The FCC said orders such as the [December 2018 RoR Reform Order](#) and the [2016 CAF Phase II Auction Order](#) have changed reporting obligations for high cost support, and proposes to revise this information collection, as well as Form 481, to reflect these new and revised requirements. The FCC also proposes to increase the burdens associated with existing reporting requirements to account for additional carriers that will be subject to those requirements. PRA comments are due May 4, 2020.
- The California PUC [met with](#) Chairman Pai's advisors and Wireline Competition Bureau staff, Commissioners [Carr](#) and [Rosenworcel](#), and Commissioner O'Rielly's [advisor](#) on February 10 and 11, 2020, to discuss the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. The PUC discussed how California's state broadband programs can be aligned with the RDOF program to promote bids in California that can cover the high cost of deploying more resilient technologies in rural areas in the state. The CPUC claimed the CAF II auction was unsuccessful in California and said bids were submitted for only half of the eligible locations and that the vast majority of winning bids were for technologies (fixed wireless and satellite service) that do not provide the same resiliency benefits as fiber networks. The PUC also discussed the Lifeline program.

- Buffalo-Lake Erie Wireless [met with](#) Office of Economics and Analytics, Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff on February 28, 2020, to discuss the 5G fund. Buffalo-Lake discussed how terrain, population density, and other factors complicate its efforts to provide wireless services, making it imperative that the Commission implements a support mechanism for mobile providers that do not benefit from the FCC's current mobile support mechanism. It said given that 5G deployment is in its early stages and will be extremely capital-intensive, the Commission should focus 5G Fund support on areas that are identified as rural, based on their population density.

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- The [public notice](#) seeking to assess parties' continuing interests in [petitions for reconsideration](#) of various aspects of the intercarrier compensation provisions of the 2011 USF/ICC Transformation Order was published in the [Federal Register](#) on March 4, 2020. The Bureau said it plans to dismiss each petition with prejudice unless a petitioner files a notice specifying that it objects to the dismissal. The Bureau said these petitions were filed in 2011 and no entities have filed comments or *ex parte* submissions on these petitions for several years and said the requests for relief in the petitions appear to be moot or are otherwise no longer relevant in light of regulatory changes that have occurred since these filings were made. The deadline to respond is April 20, 2020.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an [order](#) on March 3, 2020, granting petitions filed by [TrioTel Communications](#), [Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Stanton, Iowa](#), and [Inter-Community Telephone](#), which sought a waiver of certain Part 51 rules to modify 2011 Base Period Revenue to allow them to merge affiliated rate-of-return study areas.
- USTelecom, AT&T, CenturyLink, Frontier, GVTC Communications, Verizon, and Windstream [spoke with](#) Office of Economics and Analytics and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on March 2, 2020, to provide an overview of USTelecom's [consensus proposal](#) for 8YY reform. USTelecom clarified two elements of its proposal regarding the network edge and revenue recovery for rate of return providers. USTelecom proposes for existing "edges" to be maintained as a default, financial responsibility for transport would only be shifted from current state upon mutual agreement of the parties. On revenue recovery for rate of return providers, USTelecom clarified its proposal would be inclusive of interstate and intrastate 8YY revenues via the CAF ICC mechanism.

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Broadband

- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on March 5, 2020, to announce the next meeting of the Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States will be held March 25, 2020. At this meeting, the task force will: provide updates on its working groups; review FCC data, programs, and policies relevant to the task force's duties; and discuss recent agricultural industry-wide events related to broadband deployment and precision agriculture technologies.
- The FCC issued a [public notice](#) on March 5, 2020, to announce the next meeting of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee will be held March 27, 2020. At this meeting, the BDAC will review a report and recommendations from its Disaster Response and Recovery working group and will hear reports from the Increasing Broadband Investment in Low-Income Communities and Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Job Skills and Training Opportunities working groups.
- The House [passed](#) the "[Broadband DATA Act](#)" on March 3, 2020, which requires the FCC to collect and disseminate granular broadband service availability data from wired, fixed-wireless, satellite, and mobile broadband providers. The bill merged [H.R. 4229](#), the "Broadband Deployment Accuracy and

Technological Availability Act” and [H.R. 4227](#), the “Mapping Accuracy Promotion Services Act,” into one package, which were both approved by the House in December 2019.

- The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation [will hold](#) an executive session on March 11, 2020, to markup [S. 1046](#), “Advancing Critical Connectivity Expands Service, Small Business Resources, Opportunities, Access, and Data Based on Assessed Need and Demand Act.” The bill seeks to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and proposes this office track the construction, use of, and access to any broadband infrastructure built using any federal support in a central database.
- The Senate [passed](#) the “[Secure 5G and Beyond Act](#)” on March 4, 2020. The bill requires the President to create an inter-agency strategy to secure 5th generation and future generation technology and infrastructure in the United States and with strategic allies and designates NTIA to coordinate implementation of the plan in coordination with the Chairman of the FCC, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of National Intelligence, the Attorney General, Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, among other things. Sens. John Cornyn (R-Texas), Richard Burr (R-N.C.), and Mark Warner (D-Va.) issued a [statement](#) on the bill.
- The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, National League of Cities, and the United States Conference of Mayors filed a [letter](#) on March 2, 2020, on the petitions for declaratory ruling filed by [WIA](#) and [CTIA](#) on wireless broadband deployment. NATOA, et al. asserted the petitions seek rule changes, not clarifications, that warrant a rulemaking proceeding with sufficient notice of the changes the Commission is considering to allow for comment by those who will be most impacted by them.

Robocalls

- Chairman Pai [announced](#) on March 6, 2020, the FCC will consider a proposal at its March 31, 2020 Open Meeting requiring originating and terminating voice service providers to implement STIR/SHAKEN in the IP portions of their networks by June 30, 2021. Pai said an accompanying FNPRM proposes giving one-year extensions of this deadline for small and rural providers pursuant to the TRACED Act, and seeks input on implementing other aspects of the TRACED Act, including requirements that voice service providers work toward deploying caller ID authentication in the non-IP parts of their networks.
- Reply comments were filed on March 2, 2020, on the [NPRM](#) on establishing a process for the registration of a single consortium that conducts private-led efforts to trace back the origin of suspected unlawful robocalls. [USTelecom](#) asserted the Commission’s proposals are consistent with Congress’s guidance under the TRACED Act and will establish an appropriate and neutral framework for selecting the consortium. The [Cloud Communications Alliance](#) agreed with comments urging the Commission to ensure the registered consortium is strictly neutral and open to all voice providers. [NCTA](#) agreed with USTelecom that it is essential to exclude bad actors from participating in the traceback group and urged the Commission to reject ACA International’s argument that the traceback group include direct representation from calling parties.
- USTelecom [met with](#) Enforcement Bureau staff on March 4, 2020, to discuss its [comments](#) and [reply comments](#) on the robocall traceback process. USTelecom expressed support for the Commission’s proposal to implement the TRACED Act, which requires the Commission to issue rules for the registration of a single consortium that conducts private-led efforts to trace back the origin of suspected unlawful robocalls.
- In addition to reply comments reported in a previous edition of *REGScan*, replies were filed on February 28, 2020, on the Commission’s first staff report on call blocking. [USTelecom](#) asserted the record shows the need for a broad safe harbor based on reasonable analytics and claimed it will further incentivize voice service providers to aggressively block suspected illegal and unwanted calls. [CTIA](#) urged the Commission to promote robust call-blocking, labeling and other tools, and to adopt a

broad safe harbor to promote providers' efforts to protect consumers from robocalls. [FR, public notice, all replies available](#)

- Replies are due March 9, 2020, on the technical requirements for the reassigned numbers database, which was established in the 2018 robocall [order, public notice](#)
- In addition to letters reported on in a previous edition of *REGScan*, carriers filed letters on February 28, 2020, to respond to the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, which sought information on what steps providers were taking to combat robocalls. [CenturyLink](#) said it introduced new call authentication technology into its networks in 2019 and is expanding the use of this technology nationwide. [AT&T](#) said its Call Protect service automatically blocks suspected fraud calls and labels calls from telephone numbers believed to be associated with suspect or potentially unwanted sources, including telemarketer, suspected spam, and other categories. [Verizon](#) discussed several of its call blocking tools, and said the number of its wireless subscribers using its call filter blocking tool has increased from a few million in June 2019, to tens of millions. [all responses available](#)
- TracFone [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau staff on February 13, 2020, to discuss the implementation of STIR/SHAKEN call authentication framework from a resale provider's perspective and said resale providers have a limited role the process.
- The American Bankers Association, et al. [met with](#) Consumer and Governmental Affairs and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on March 2, 2020, to discuss robocalls. They said to address the mislabeling of outbound calling numbers and the erroneous blocking of lawful calls placed from those numbers, the Commission should require voice service providers to provide notice to the caller when the provider or its third-party call-blocking partner has placed a derogatory label on the business' outbound calling number or blocked calls placed from that number.

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Open Internet

- The [public notice](#) seeking to refresh the record in the Restoring Internet Freedom and Lifeline proceedings, regarding the issues remanded to the Commission by the D.C. Circuit's Mozilla [decision](#) was published in the [Federal Register](#) on March 3, 2020. The Bureau seeks comment on how changes adopted in the RIF [order](#) might affect: public safety; the regulation of pole attachments in states subject to federal regulation; and the Lifeline program. Comments are due March 30, 2020; replies are due April 29, 2020.

Universal Service

- USAC filed the [Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Quarterly Contribution Base](#) for second quarter 2020 on March 2, 2020. The total projected collected interstate and international end-user revenue base to be used in determining the contribution factor for the USF support mechanisms for second quarter 2020 is \$10,865,131,593, down from \$11,129,976,956 in the previous quarter.
- The FCC released a [second order on reconsideration and order](#) on March 5, 2020, denying Blanca Telephone's [petition](#) for reconsideration of a 2017 [order](#) that affirmed the Office of the Managing Director's [directive](#) ordering Blanca to repay \$6.7 million in universal service support to which it was not entitled. The FCC said the petition fails to show the Commission made a material error or omission in the 2017 order and has not raised additional material facts warranting reconsideration of the Commission's findings. The FCC said Blanca must repay the \$6.7 million and FCC staff should pursue collection of that amount.
- TracFone filed [comments](#) in support of petitions for reconsideration of the November 2019 Lifeline [order](#) filed by [WTA](#), [TruConnect](#) and [Sprint](#). TracFone agreed with petitioners that additional time is

necessary to implement rule 54.406(b) and supported a limited waiver through November 2020. Replies to oppositions are due March 12, 2020. [public notice](#)

- TruConnect Communications filed a [petition](#) on March 5, 2020, seeking a change in section 54.408 (minimum service standards), to permit Lifeline providers to take advantage of investments in advanced Wi-Fi offload technology that is being used by wireless providers outside of the Lifeline context in order to provide higher-quality, more cost-effective service to Lifeline customers.
- Comments were filed on March 4, 2020, in support of Viya's [petition for reconsideration](#) of the [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. [Broadband VI](#) asserted Viya's petition identifies flaws in the methodology the Bureau used in its public notice. [BBVI](#) said it does not, however, agree with Viya's suggestion to use 2020 census data, and recommended instead that the Bureau implement the locations adjustment process recently adopted for the Rural Digital Opportunity program. [PRTC](#) said it has concerns regarding the use of 2017 estimate housing data to determine location counts in Puerto Rico, and supported issuance of a revised public notice. Replies due March 16, 2020. [public notice](#) | [FR](#)
- Critical Hub Networks [spoke with](#) Commissioner Starks' legal advisor on March 3, 2020, to follow up on its February 21, 2020 [meeting](#) with Commissioner Starks on the letter of credit requirement for the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund. It asserted the LOC requirement for support recipients of the fund is a barrier to small entities' ability to compete for funds, and that the LOC requirement is more onerous than that announced for the Commission's new rural broadband program.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued two [public notices](#) on March 4, 2020, seeking comment on applications for review of decisions on the rural health care program. The [Tanana Chiefs Conference](#) seeks review of a USAC decision that denied its request to file its funding request and certification Form 466 outside of the newly imposed window for rural health care program for FY2016. [ENA Healthcare Services](#) seeks review of a Bureau decision that denied its petition for reconsideration of a decision that upheld USAC's decision to deny RHC funding for FY 2016. Comments are due April 3, 2020; replies are due April 20, 2020.
- [Espy Services](#) and [Advanced Data Services](#) sent letters to Kris Montieth, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, on March 2 and 3, 2020, to express support for the SHLB Coalition's February 27, 2020, [request](#) for an extension of the FY2020 rural health care filing window.

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- The FCC released the items that were adopted at its February 28, 2020 [Open Meeting](#): a [public notice](#) on the process of establishing auction application and competitive bidding procedures for Phase I of the RDOF; an [NPRM](#) proposing targeted changes to the white space device rules in the TV bands to provide improved broadband coverage in rural and underserved areas; a [public notice](#) establishing application and bidding procedures for Auction 105, the auction of Priority Access Licenses in the Citizens Broadband Radio Service in the 3550-3650 MHz band; an [NPRM](#) on whether to eliminate or modify the requirement that cable operators maintain records in their online public inspection files regarding the nature and extent of their attributable interests in video programming services; a [second FNPRM](#) providing state and federal agencies with read-only access to communications outage data for public safety purposes while preserving the confidentiality of that data; a [public notice](#) on procedures for the auction of new flexible-use overlay licenses in the 3.7–3.98 GHz band (Auction 107) for next generation wireless services; and a [report and order and proposed order of modification](#) reforming the use of the 3.7-4.2 GHz band, to promote U.S. leadership in the next generation of wireless services.
- Reply comments were filed on March 3, 2020, on the supply chain [FNPRM](#). [NTCA](#) said the Commission should condition any requirement that ETCs remove and replace covered equipment and services on the availability of federal funds sufficient to reimburse affected ETCs for the cost of

removing and replacing all covered equipment and services. The [Consumer Technology Association](#) asserted federal agencies' actions to secure the supply chain must be based on sound legal authority and agreed with commenters who have argued the CALEA is not a source of authority for the FCC to regulate the supply chain. The [Rural Wireless Broadband Coalition](#) recommended the Commission ensure carriers are fully reimbursed for their reasonable costs in replacing and removing covered equipment, and should adopt flexible mechanisms to ensure small rural carriers are given sufficient time to accomplish these tasks. The [Rural Wireless Association](#) said if the FCC proceeds with a replace-and-remove mandate, it must apply to all covered company equipment regardless of whether the operating entity is an ETC or a recipient of USF support. It also said all reasonable costs incurred by carriers replacing legacy equipment and purchasing replacement equipment should be 100% reimbursable. The [Competitive Carriers Association](#) suggested the Commission take a careful approach to ensure its efforts to replace equipment does not disrupt critical services. [all replies available](#).

- Viaero Wireless [met with](#) legal advisors to Commissioners Carr and O'Rielly on March 5, 2020, to discuss Commission efforts to develop a mechanism for replacing and removing equipment provided by covered companies. Viaero discussed the cost and actions it will have to take to remove and replace its equipment, and requested the Commission actively engage with all affected carriers to develop milestones, incentives, and individual plans to remove covered equipment within their networks at the earliest possible date.
- The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation held a [hearing](#) on 5G supply chain security on March 4, 2020. The hearing examined the security and integrity of the telecommunications supply chain and efforts to secure networks from exploitation in the transition to 5G. Testimony given by: Steven Berry, [Competitive Carriers Association](#); Rick Corker, [Nokia](#); Jason Boswell, [Ericsson](#); Asha Keddy, [Intel](#); and Dr. James Lewis, [Center for Strategic and International Studies](#).
- Twenty U.S. Senators sent a [letter](#) to members of the United Kingdom's House of Commons on March 3, 2020, to express concern with the UK government's decision to allow Huawei to supply some of the UK's 5G telecommunications structure. They urged them to revisit the decision, take steps to mitigate the risks of Huawei, and work with the United States going forward on such efforts. [press release](#)
- The Office of Economics and Analytics issued a [voice telephone services report](#) on March 6, 2020, which summarized the information collected on telephone services as of December 31, 2018. The report noted in December 2018, there were 44 million end-user switched access lines in service, 67 million interconnected VoIP subscriptions, and 348 million mobile subscriptions in the United States. Over a three-year period, interconnected VoIP subscriptions increased at a compound annual growth rate of 4%, mobile voice subscriptions increased at a compound annual growth rate of 2%, and retail switched access lines declined at 12% per year. The OEA also released a [voice telephone services report](#) on March 6, 2020, which summarized the information collected on telephone services as of June 30, 2018.
- No comments were filed on NECA's December 2019 [proposed average schedule formulas](#). Replies are due March 19, 2020. [public notice](#)
- The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation will hold a [hearing](#) on March 11, 2020, to consider, among other presidential nominations, the nomination of Chase Johnson to serve as Inspector General of the FCC.
- The House Committee on Appropriations will hold a [hearing](#) on March 11, 2020, on the FCC's budget request for FY 2021. Witnesses include Chairman Pai and Commissioner Rosenworcel.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy [spoke with](#) Chairman Pai's advisor and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on March 3, 2020, regarding the [NPRM](#) on updating its unbundling and resale rules. It discussed concerns small CLECs have shared with the Office of Advocacy about the potential impact of the FCC's proposals on their businesses, competition, and consumers.

- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on March 5, 2020, seeking Paperwork Reduction Act comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection on information disclosure requirements, internet posting requirements, recordkeeping requirements, and annual certification requirements, pursuant to sections 42.10, 42.11, 64.1900 of the FCC's rules and section 254(g) of the Act. The FCC said these requirements are necessary to provide consumers ready access to information concerning the rates, terms, and conditions governing the provision of interstate, domestic, interexchange services offered by nondominant IXCs. PRA comments are due May 4, 2020.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued public notices on March 6, 2020 seeking comments on [CenturyLink's](#) and [Quality Voice and Data's](#) applications for authorization to obtain NANP telephone numbers directly from the numbering administrators for its iVoIP service. Comments are due March 23, 2020.
- The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau issued two orders on March 3, 2020, addressing slamming complaints against [City Communications](#) and [Telplex Communications](#). The Bureau found actions by Telplex did not result in unauthorized changes in complainant's telecommunications service provider and denied the complaint. The Bureau found actions by City Communications violated the Commission's slamming rules and granted the complaint.
- The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau issued three orders on March 4, 2020, addressing slamming complaints against Telplex Communications. In the first two orders ([order](#), [order](#)) the Bureau found actions by Telplex did not result in unauthorized changes in complainant's telecommunications service provider and denied the complaints. In the third [order](#), the Bureau found Telplex responded to the complaint and has taken action to resolve the complaint.

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Upcoming Filing Dates

- Mar. 11 - Comments due on recommendations [approved](#) by the NANC on funding of the creation costs and on the fee structure for the reassigned numbers database. [public notice](#)
- Mar. 12 - Replies to oppositions due on petitions for reconsideration of the November 2019 Lifeline [order](#) filed by [WTA](#), [TruConnect](#) and [Sprint](#). [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. 16 - Comments due on the re-establishment of a computer matching program the FCC and USAC will conduct with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the Lifeline program. [notice](#)
- Mar. 16 - Replies due to oppositions to Viya's [petition for reconsideration](#) of the [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. [public notice](#), [FR](#)
- Mar. 19 - Replies due on NECA's December 2019 [proposed average schedule formulas](#). [public notice](#)
- Mar. 20 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) on updating its unbundling and resale rules to reflect the marketplace realities of intermodal voice and broadband competition. [order](#), [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. 23 - Comments due on [CenturyLink's](#) application for authorization to obtain NANP telephone numbers directly from the numbering administrators for its iVoIP service.
- Mar. 23 - Comments due on [Quality Voice and Data's](#) application for authorization to obtain NANP telephone numbers directly from the numbering administrators for its iVoIP service.
- Mar. 24 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with payphone compensation. [FCC notice](#)
- Mar. 26 - Comments due on a population distribution methodology for estimating the number of Alaskans who receive mobile service within census blocks in remote areas. Reply comments are due April 10, 2020. [public notice](#)
- Mar. 27 - Comments due on the process of establishing pre-and post-auction application procedures and competitive bidding procedures for Phase I of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. Replies are due April 10, 2020. [public notice](#)
- 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. 30 - Comments due on refreshing the record in the Restoring Internet Freedom and Lifeline proceedings. The Bureau seeks comment on how changes adopted in the RIF [order](#) might affect: public safety; the regulation of pole attachments in states subject to federal regulation; and the Lifeline program. Replies are due April 29, 2020. [public notice](#)
- Apr. 3 - Comments due on applications for review of decisions on the rural health care program filed by the [Tanana Chiefs Conference](#) and [ENA Healthcare Services](#). Replies are due April 20, 2020. [public notices](#)
- Apr. 3 - Comments due on the state of competition in the communications marketplace for its second communications marketplace report. Replies are due May 13, 2020. [public notice](#)
- Apr. 6 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved information collection on FCC Form 183, the application to participate in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction. [notice](#)
- Apr. 10 - Replies due on a population distribution methodology for estimating the number of Alaskans who receive mobile service within census blocks in remote areas. [public notice](#)
- Apr. 10 - Replies due on the process of establishing pre-and post-auction application procedures and competitive bidding procedures for Phase I of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. [public notice](#)
- Apr. 14 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection relating to the monitoring of USF support mechanisms. PRA comments are due April 14, 2020. [FCC notice](#)
- Apr. 20 - PRA comments due on a new information collection as a result of the December 12, 2018 [order](#) on robocalls, which established a database to enable callers to verify whether a telephone number has been disconnected before calling that number. [notice](#)

- Apr. 20 - PRA comments due on a revision to a currently approved information collection associated with FCC Forms 481, 497, 555, 5629, 5630 and 5631, as a result of the November 2019 Lifeline [order](#). [FR](#)
- Apr. 20 - Responses due on assessing parties' continuing interests in [petitions for reconsideration](#) of various aspects of the intercarrier compensation provisions of the 2011 USF/ICC Transformation Order. [Federal Register](#), [public notice](#)
- Apr. 20 - Replies due on applications for review of decisions on the rural health care program filed by the [Tanana Chiefs Conference](#) and [ENA Healthcare Services](#). [public notices](#)
- Apr. 22 - Deadline for ETCs to report on the extent to which their networks contain or use potentially prohibited equipment or services provided by Huawei or ZTE and the costs associated with removing such equipment and replacing it with equivalent equipment. [public notice](#)
- Apr. 29 - Replies due on refreshing the record in the Restoring Internet Freedom and Lifeline proceedings. The Bureau seeks comment on how changes adopted in the RIF [order](#) might affect: public safety; the regulation of pole attachments in states subject to federal regulation; and the Lifeline program. [public notice](#)
- May 4 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with rate-of-return carrier universal service reporting requirements filed on FCC Forms 507, 508 and 509. [FR](#)
- May 4 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with high-cost universal service support filed on FCC Form 481. [FR](#)
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