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### April 23, 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- The FCC adopted six items at its April 17, 2018 [Open Meeting](#), including: an [NPRM](#) proposing to allow model-based rate-of-return carriers to elect incentive regulation for their lower-speed business data services offerings and to remove ex ante pricing regulation for packet-based and higher-speed circuit-based offerings; a [Report and Order and FNPRM](#) that adopts new measures and seeks comment on addressing the problem of call completion in rural areas; and an [NPRM](#) to ensure that USF support is not used to purchase equipment or services from companies posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain.
- The FCC issued a [tentative agenda](#) for its May 10, 2018 Open Meeting. The FCC will consider: an [NPRM](#) that would allow more efficient and effective use of 2.5 GHz spectrum; an [NPRM](#) that proposes to streamline the rules relating to interference caused by FM translators and expedite the translator complaint resolution process; an [NPRM](#) on whether to streamline or eliminate certain rules which require the physical posting and maintenance of broadcast licenses and related information in specific locations; an enforcement action; and a Hearing Designation Order.
- [Chairman Pai](#) and Commissioners [Rosenworcel](#), [Carr](#), and [O'Rielly](#) issued statements on Commissioner Clyburn's departure announcement.
- The FCC [reached a settlement](#) with T-Mobile to resolve its investigation into whether T-Mobile violated the Communications Act when it failed to correct ongoing problems with delivery of calls to rural consumers. [News Release](#)
- The FCC [will host](#) a webinar on May 3, 2018, on the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process.
- NTCA and Vantage Point Solutions [discussed](#) network compliance testing. NTCA urged the FCC to be cautious in any approach that is based upon built-in testing capabilities, and urged the FCC to premise anticipated costs upon those that arise when using separate CPE units.
- Sacred Wind Communications [discussed](#) the impacts of the March 23, 2018 high cost [USF RoR Order](#). It suggested developing A-CAM tiers for higher cost companies, restoring predictability for rural carriers' continued investment, and continuing support for voice-only service where demanded.
- The U.S. Government, on behalf of the RUS, filed a [Complaint](#) in Hawaii District Court against SIC, et al., claiming SIC breached agreements relating to loans RUS provided and seeking appropriate relief.
- The FCC issued an [Order and Declaratory Ruling](#) granting FairPoint's request regarding the deduction of LSS as double recovery in calculating the amount that FairPoint's rate-of-return affiliates may obtain from the transitional recovery mechanism.
- The FCC issued an [Order](#) designating issues for investigation of Aureon's tariff revisions. Direct Case is due May 3, 2018; oppositions to Direct Case due May 10, 2018; rebuttal due May 17, 2018.

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### Other Key Upcoming Dates

- Apr. 26 - Comments due on NECA's [2017 Interim Modification of Average Schedules and 2018 Further Modification of Average Schedules](#), filed on February 26, 2018. Replies are due May 11, 2018.
- Apr. 27 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) proposing to update the FCC's rules on jurisdictional separations. [FR](#)
- June 4 - Comments due on the [Third FNPRM](#) on rural call completion. Replies are due June 19, 2018.
- June 7 - Comments due on the [FNPRM](#) on robocalls. Replies are due July 9, 2018. [FR](#)

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## USF Reform

- The FCC issued a [Public Notice](#) on April 18, 2018, announcing the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau and the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force will host a webinar on May 3, 2018, on the process for challenging the identification of areas initially deemed ineligible for Mobility Fund Phase II reverse auction support. The webinar will focus on issues that affect state and local government offices and agencies, and will explain the MF-II reverse auction, how to determine if a particular locality has been identified as initially ineligible for support, and how to challenge that determination and seek inclusion of the locality among the areas identified as eligible for support.
- NTCA and Vantage Point Solutions [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on April 17 and 19, 2018, discussing network compliance testing. NTCA urged the Commission to be cautious in any approach that is based upon built-in testing capabilities, since products with those features are not as widely available as may have been anticipated, and urged the Commission to premise anticipated costs upon those that arise when using separate CPE units. NTCA discussed the appropriate network segments that would be subject to performance measurement obligations and the appropriate number of testing locations for small providers.
- Sacred Wind Communications [met with](#) Chairman Pai and his Advisor, Commissioners Clyburn and Carr and their Advisors, and Advisors to Commissioners O’Rielly and Rosenworcel on April 17 and 18, 2018, to discuss the impacts on Sacred Wind, its network, and its Tribal customers of proposals in the March 23, 2018 USF Order. It suggested developing A-CAM tiers for higher cost companies, restoring predictability for rural carriers’ continued investment, continuing support for voice-only service where demanded, and promoting E-911 only tariffs. Sacred Wind Communications also [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on April 16, 2018, to discuss similar issues.
- Grand River Mutual Telephone and JSI [met with](#) Advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioners O’Rielly, Rosenworcel, and Clyburn, and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on April 20, 2018, to discuss its pending study area waiver petition and a Petition for Reconsideration, which the company plans to file relating to its Missouri operations. It explained separating its study areas would provide a mechanism to receive separate common line pool disbursements from NECA, and claimed the overall annual increase in USF support would be approximately \$16,932, which it said it is willing to forgo as a result of dividing the study area. In its Reconsideration Petition, GRM will be requesting the FCC make a minor increase to the \$36.5 million increase in model-based funding it approved to fund the “orphaned” locations in its Missouri study area that were precluded from receiving support.
- Copper Valley Telecom and GVNW [met separately with](#) Commissioners O’Reilly, Carr, and Rosenworcel’s Advisors on April 18, 2018, to discuss the Alaska Plan. They requested the Commission encourage USAC to open the Alaska Plan middle mile mapping portal immediately so that Copper Valley and other Alaska carriers have time to meet the compliance requirements of July 1, 2018. They expressed support for maintaining at least the overall high-cost funding budget level of \$4.5 billion, pending further study, and discussed the proper metric for broadband target speeds, including for carriers facing the unique challenges posed by the circumstances in Alaska. They also discussed the Commission’s proceeding to examine protecting against national security threats to the communications supply chain through FCC programs, and sought clarification about the methods by which the Commission would prospectively prohibit federal USF support from being used to purchase equipment from certain Chinese vendors.
- Adak Eagle Enterprises filed [a letter](#) on April 18, 2018, to report it had an email exchange with Chairman Pai’s Advisor on April 16, 2018, regarding its pending Petition for Reconsideration of the FCC’s decision to deny AEE a second A-CAM offer of support. The email exchange discussed what the company has been receiving under the Alaska Plan and what it expected to receive under a second A-CAM offer.

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- The FCC issued an [Order and Declaratory Ruling](#) on April 19, 2018, granting FairPoint's request regarding the deduction of LSS as double recovery in calculating the amount that FairPoint's rate-of-return affiliates may obtain from the transitional recovery mechanism. The FCC concluded there generally is no duplicative recovery of LSS when rate-of-return affiliates of price cap carriers receive both CAF Phase II support and CAF ICC transition support. The FCC provided details on the procedure for affected carriers to recover additional CAF ICC transition support from USAC.
- The FCC issued an [Order Designating Issues for Investigation](#) on April 19, 2018, regarding the lawfulness of the Iowa Network Access Division d/b/a Aureon tariff revisions that were filed on February 22, 2018. The FCC will investigate: the appropriate benchmark rate for Aureon's interstate switched transport service; the cost and demand data needed to support Aureon's revised rate of \$0.00576 per minute-of-use pursuant to section 61.38; and whether supporting cost information should be considered once the Commission determines the appropriate benchmark rate. Also, the FCC waived Aureon's annual access tariff filing requirement, pursuant to section 69.3(f)(1), through July 1, 2019. Aureon's Direct Case due May 3, 2018; oppositions to Direct Case due May 10, 2018; rebuttal due May 17, 2018.
- Venture Communications and JSI [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on April 17, 2018, to discuss Venture's pending [Petition for Waiver](#) of Part 51 rules for modifying access rate bands and charges and 2011 Base Period Revenue. Venture explained that effective January 1, 2018, the company consolidated two South Dakota study areas, and said grant of the waiver would allow for consolidation of switched access rate bands and access rates for the merged study area, as well as 2011 Base Period Revenues for CAF-ICC support. They claimed the impact of the merger on CAF-ICC support is expected to be \$13,586 this year, declining in subsequent years. Venture also discussed a switch consolidation and claimed there was no issue related to double recovery.
- No replies were filed on Titonka Telephone and Burt Telephone's [Petition](#) for a waiver to merge their study areas and modify their 2011 revenue requirement and base period revenue. [Public Notice](#)

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## Call Completion

- The FCC released the [Second Report and Order and Third FNPRM](#) on rural call completion problems, which was adopted at the FCC's April 17, 2018 Open Meeting. The FCC adopted a new rule requiring "covered providers" to monitor the performance of the "intermediate providers" to which they hand off calls. The FCC also eliminated the reporting requirement for covered providers established in the 2013 RCC Order after finding the reporting rules are burdensome and of limited utility to the FCC in discovering the source of rural call completion problems and a pathway to their resolution. The FCC seeks comment on proposed rules to implement the recently enacted Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2017, which directs the FCC to establish registration requirements and service quality standards for intermediate providers. The FCC also seeks comment on sunseting the recording and retention rules established in the RCC Order upon implementation of the RCC Act. Comments are due June 4, 2018; replies are due June 19, 2018.
- The FCC issued a [News Release](#) on April 16, 2018, announcing it reached a settlement concluding its investigation into whether T-Mobile USA violated the Communications Act when it failed to correct ongoing problems with delivery of calls to rural consumers and whether it violated the FCC rule that prohibits providers from inserting false ring tones with respect to hundreds of millions of calls. T-Mobile agreed to pay \$40 million to the U.S. Treasury and entered into a compliance plan to prevent future violations. The Enforcement Bureau released the [Order](#) on April 16, 2018. Commissioner Clyburn issued a [statement](#), saying "This settlement should have been a bipartisan action on a bipartisan issue—rural call completion—that has plagued the entire industry for years. Unfortunately, in this case,

the punishment does not fit the violation, the process was flawed, and consumers were not made whole.”

## Broadband

- Chairman Pai [spoke](#) at the Farm Foundation and U.S. Department of Agriculture summit on April 18, 2018, discussing expanding high-speed broadband access in rural America. Pai said more than 24 million Americans still lack access to terrestrial fixed broadband at the 25/3 Mbps standard, and while two percent of urban households lack high-speed home broadband, it is 30 percent for rural Americans. Pai discussed FCC broadband deployment efforts, including CAF Phase II and the Mobility Fund Phase II programs. He also noted the FCC recently provided an additional \$500 million to hundreds of small rate-of-return carriers.
- AT&T filed a [letter](#) on April 19, 2018, suggesting a self-help remedy for a new pole attacher when an existing attacher fails to move its facilities within the reasonable timeframe. AT&T claimed this self-help remedy provides an incentive for existing attachers to coordinate with the pole owner, new attacher, and other existing attachers, regardless of whether the new attacher is a competitor. AT&T said the FCC can further improve the make-ready process and minimize the frequency that self-help is needed by explicitly appointing the new attacher as “project manager” of the make-ready process.
- AT&T filed a [letter](#) on April 17, 2018, expressing support for the federal regulatory relief for small cell equipment and their supporting structures proposed in the [draft Second Report and Order](#), and, in particular, in the finding that those small cell facilities are not undertakings or major federal actions under the NHPA or NEPA, respectively. AT&T asserted minimally sized and streamlined small cell facilities are unlikely to adversely impact the environment or historic properties and should not be subject to unnecessary NHPA and NEPA processes.
- CTIA and the Wireless Infrastructure Association [met with](#) Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff on April 12, 2018, to discuss Twilight Towers (towers built between March 16, 2001 and March 7, 2005 that lack documentation of a completed section 106 consultation process). They said making Twilight Towers available for collocation will support the additional infrastructure needed for broadband deployment, including FirstNet and next-generation 5G technologies and services. They asserted doing so will not undermine the protection of historic properties of religious and cultural importance, and in fact will promote preservation goals, as each Twilight Tower that becomes available for collocation could obviate the need for the construction of a new tower to provide similar service coverage.

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## Open Internet

- INCOMPAS sent a [letter](#) to Reps. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, and Michael Doyle (D-Pa.), Ranking Member, on April 16, 2018, to express support for open internet protections adopted by the FCC in 2015. INCOMPAS reiterated its opposition to paid prioritization, and asserted that if it is allowed, ISPs will be able to leverage their control over their networks and access to subscribers to allow some websites to be put in front of others at times of congestion. INCOMPAS also provided results of a survey it conducted of voters, stating 86 percent agreed ISPs should treat all websites and content equally.

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## Universal Service

- The FCC released an [NPRM](#) on April 18, 2018, which was adopted at its April 17, 2018 Open Meeting, that seeks comment on ways to ensure that USF support is not used to purchase equipment or services from companies posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain. Comments are due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies are due 60 days after FR publication.
- Commissioner O’Rielly [spoke](#) at the American Enterprise Institute on April 19, 2018, on advancing 5G services, proper USF budgeting, and FCC process reform. He said with authorized spending for the USF budget topping \$11 billion, it is time to institute the practice that any further increases in one program must be paired with offsets from another. On FCC process reform, he said measures such as release of Commission meeting items in advance of a Commission vote have been successful, and suggested the FCC apply more transparency to other items, including those on the Commission’s circulation list.
- Funds for Learning [met with](#) Commissioner Rosenworcel and her Legal Advisor on April 18, 2018, to discuss the importance of E-rate support for schools and libraries, and to share its feedback about the funding year 2018 E-rate filing window. FFL discussed issues including underreported demand and reduction in applicants and sites. FFL also provided an E-rate historical snapshot from FY2011-FY2018.
- [Akeela](#) and the [Ninilchik Traditional Council](#) filed letters on April 13 and 14, 2018, to express support for the SHLB Coalition’s [Petition](#) seeking a waiver of the Rural Health Care funding cap for Funding Year 2017. Akeela said RHC funding cuts were much larger than anticipated and any reduction in RHC funding will severely affect its ability to provide program services to its locations because of an already limited funding by the state over the past several years. NTC said loss or reduction of RHC funding equals hundreds of thousands of unbudgeted dollars, which in turn means a loss of telemedicine services and layoffs, negatively impacting healthcare in its communities.
- GCI [met separately](#) with Legal Advisors to Commissioners Carr and Rosenworcel on April 12, and 13, 2018, to discuss GCI’s [proposals](#) for longer-term reform of the Rural Healthcare Program, and to emphasize the need for a system to prioritize support under the RHC Program. GCI asserted the pro-rata reductions in the RHC Program are unique in that they hit the highest cost to serve areas the hardest, and urged rapid completion of the Funding Year 2017 commitments process. GCI also urged the Commission to move the long-term reform process forward quickly so these issues do not continue into Funding Year 2019. GCI also [met separately](#) with Legal Advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioner O’Rielly on April 18 and 19, 2018, to state that relief from the current Rural Health Care Program cap is necessary for Funding Year 2017 and 2018. GCI also emphasized the need for a system to prioritize support under the Program, and urged rapid completion of the Funding Year 2017 commitments process.
- The [Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association](#) and [North Carolina Telehealth Network](#) filed letters on April 16, 2018, to express support for the SHLB Coalition’s [petition](#) seeking a waiver of the Rural Health Care funding cap for Funding Year 2017. ASHNHA said RHC funding cuts were much larger than anticipated and for its rural non-tribal hospitals the cuts will result in over \$1.5 million in unanticipated expense. NCTN said the cuts place considerable strain on its providers and forty-four of its members, over half of which are rural providers, will see their broadband subscription rates increase by nearly 50% with this reduction in discounts.

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- [Chairman Pai](#) and Commissioners [Rosenworcel](#), [Carr](#), and [O’Rielly](#) issued statements on April 17, 2018, after Commissioner Clyburn announced she will be leaving the FCC within the next month.
- The FCC issued a [tentative agenda](#) for its May 10, 2018 Open Meeting. The FCC will consider: an [NPRM](#) that would allow more efficient and effective use of 2.5 GHz spectrum by increasing flexibility for existing Educational Broadband Service licensees and providing new opportunities for educational entities, rural Tribal Nations, and commercial entities to access unused portions of the band; an [NPRM](#) that proposes to streamline the rules relating to interference caused by FM translators and expedite the translator complaint resolution process; an [NPRM](#) on whether to streamline or eliminate certain rules which require the physical posting and maintenance of broadcast licenses and related information in specific locations; an enforcement action; and a Hearing Designation Order.
- The FCC adopted the following items at its April 17, 2018 [Open Meeting](#): an [NPRM](#) proposing to allow model-based rate-of-return carriers to elect incentive regulation for their lower-speed business data services offerings and to remove ex ante pricing regulation for packet-based and higher-speed circuit-based offerings; a [Report and Order and FNPRM](#) that adopts new measures and seeks comment on addressing the problem of call completion in rural areas; an [NPRM](#) to ensure that USF support is not used to purchase equipment or services from companies posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain; a [Public Notice](#) seeking comment on the procedures for the auctions of upper microwave flexible use service licenses in the 28 GHz and 24 GHz bands; an [NPRM](#) that proposes a new, alternative application process for a class of satellites referred to as small satellites; and an [NPRM](#) proposing to eliminate the requirement that cable operators maintain a channel lineup at their local office and seeking comment on eliminating the requirement that certain cable operators make their channel lineup available via their online public inspection file.
- The FCC released the [NPRM](#) on April 18, 2018, which was adopted at its April 17, 2018 Open Meeting, that proposes to allow model-based rate-of-return carriers to elect incentive regulation for their lower-speed business data services offerings. The NPRM also seeks comment on: using a competitive market test to identify areas served by A-CAM carriers that are sufficiently competitive that their lower speed BDS offerings should be relieved of ex ante pricing regulation; whether to relieve A-CAM carriers’ higher speed BDS offerings from ex ante pricing regulation; and providing the same relief to RoR carriers that receive model-based or fixed support. Comments are due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register; replies are due 45 days after FR publication.
- The U.S. Government, on behalf of the Rural Utilities Service, filed a [Complaint](#) in the U.S. District Court in Hawaii on April 20, 2018, against Sandwich Isles Communications, Albert S. N. Hee, et al., claiming SIC has breached agreements relating to loans RUS provided and seeking appropriate relief.
- The FCC issued a [Public Notice](#) on April 16, 2018, announcing it and the FTC will host a [Stop Illegal Robocalls Expo](#) on Monday, April 23, 2018. The Expo, which is free and open to the public, will showcase innovative technologies, devices, and applications to minimize or eliminate the number of illegal robocalls consumers receive. The FCC and FTC indicated they are continuing their coordinated efforts to combat illegal robocalls and promote innovative solutions to protect consumers. The Expo is being held one month after the two agencies co-hosted a [Joint Policy Forum](#) on March 23, 2018.
- The FCC issued a [Public Notice](#) on April 18, 2018, announcing it updated the April 16, 2018 [Public Notice](#) to reflect changes in speakers for the FCC/FTC [Stop Illegal Robocalls Expo](#) on April 23, 2018. FCC Chief of Staff Matthew Berry and FTC Chief of Staff Svetlana Gans will replace Chairman Pai and FTC Acting Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen.
- The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee held [a hearing](#) on robocalls on April 18, 2018. Rosemary Harold, Chief of the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau, [testified](#) on the Commission’s enforcement actions and authority to combat illegal robocalls and spoofed calls. She discussed the FCC’s regulatory authority, its enforcement work, FCC/FTC coordination, industry cooperation,

rulemakings, and the ACA International decision by the D.C. Circuit Court. Also testifying at the hearing were: [Lois Greisman](#), Associate Director of the Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection at the Federal Trade Commission; [Adrian Abramovich](#), former president of Marketing Strategy Leaders; [Scott Delacourt](#), Wiley Rein, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; [Kevin Rupy](#), USTelecom; and [Margot Freeman Saunders](#), the National Consumer Law Center.

- The House Committee on Energy and Commerce [announced](#) its hearing, entitled *Do Not Call: Combating Robocalls and Caller ID Spoofing*, will be held on April 27, 2018. Witnesses include: Aaron Foss of Nomorobo; Ethan Garr of RoboKiller; Scott Hambuchen of First Orion Corp; and Maureen Mahoney of Consumers Union. The hearing had originally been [scheduled](#) for April 19, 2018, but was postponed.
- The FCC [published](#) in the Federal Register on April 23, 2018, the March 23, 2018 [FNPRM](#) on ways to address the problem of unwanted calls to reassigned numbers. Comments are due June 7, 2018; replies are due July 9, 2018.
- Insights Association, on behalf of the market research and data analytics industry, [met with](#) Advisors to Commissioners Carr and O’Rielly on April 12, 2018, to discuss: the Telephone Consumer Protection Act reform; its petition on the differentiation of telemarketing from market research; and call blocking and tagging. Insight supports authenticating calls at the telecommunications service provider level, but claimed the rollout of blocking and tagging calls (i.e., marking some calls as “spam”) en masse at the providers’ level is hurting the calling ecosystem. It endorsed the use of a white list to prevent legitimate dialers from being inadvertently blocked (or tagged as spam). Insights Association also [met with](#) Commissioner Rosenworcel’s Advisors on April 19, 2018, to discuss the same issues.
- The House Committee on Appropriations will hold a [hearing](#) on the FCC’s FY 2019 budget on April 26, 2018. Chairman Pai will be a witness.
- Champaign Telephone filed a [letter](#) on April 20, 2018, withdrawing its [Petition](#) for waiver of certain accounting rules, filed on November 20, 2017. Champaign said since the DSLAM equipment referenced in the petition is fully depreciated and fiber was not and has not been allocated to non-regulated use, it has been determined that the petition is unnecessary in order to allocate CTC’s loop investment to regulated costs.

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## Upcoming Filing Dates

- Apr. 26 - Comments due on NECA’s [2017 Interim Modification of Average Schedules and 2018 Further Modification of Average Schedules](#), filed on February 26, 2018. Replies are due May 11, 2018. [Public Notice](#)
- Apr. 27 - PRA comments due on revised information collection requirements for the transparency rule disclosures applicable to ISPs, which were amended in the 2018 Restoring Internet Freedom [Order](#). The Order eliminated the additional collection imposed by the Title II Order and added a few discrete elements to the 2010 [Open Internet Order’s](#) information collection requirements. [Notice](#)
- Apr. 27 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) proposing to update the FCC’s rules on jurisdictional separations. [FR Notice](#)
- Apr. 27 - Comments due on the Oglala Sioux Tribe’s [Petition](#) for reconsideration of the Order that granted, in part, its request for a temporary waiver of Lifeline recertification rules. Replies are due May 14, 2018. [Public Notice](#)

- Apr. 27 - Oppositions due to Rural Wireless Association's Application for Review of the Mobility Fund II Challenge Process Order. Replies due May 7, 2018. [Public Notice](#)
- May 3 - Aureon's Direct Case due in the FCC investigation of its tariff revisions that were filed on February 22, 2018. Oppositions to Direct Case due May 10, 2018; rebuttal due May 17, 2018. [Order Designating Issues for Investigation](#)
- May 7 - PRA comments due on removing business data services from the interstate tariffs of price cap ILECs that are no longer subject to price cap regulation and of CLECs within 36 months of the effective date of the April 28, 2017 Business Data Services Order, i.e., by August 1, 2020. [Notice](#)
- May 7 - PRA comments due on a new information collection pertaining to the recordkeeping requirements when carriers provide CPN of the calling party to law enforcement in connection with a threatening call and, as directed by law enforcement, to security personnel for the called party for the purpose of identifying the party responsible for the threatening call. [Notice](#)
- May 7 - Replies due to oppositions to Rural Wireless Association's Application for Review of the Mobility Fund II Challenge Process Order. [Public Notice](#)
- May 10 - Oppositions due to Aureon's Direct Case in the FCC investigation of its tariff revisions that were filed on February 22, 2018. Rebuttal due May 17, 2018. [Order Designating Issues for Investigation](#)
- May 11 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with streamlined tariff filing requirements for LECs. [Notice](#)
- May 11 - Replies due on NECA's [2017 Interim Modification of Average Schedules and 2018 Further Modification of Average Schedules](#), filed on February 26, 2018. [Public Notice](#)
- May 14 - PRA comments due on the revisions to the currently approved information collection pertaining to the payphone compensation rules. [Notice](#)
- May 14 - Replies due on the Oglala Sioux Tribe's [Petition](#) for reconsideration of the Order that granted, in part, its request for a temporary waiver of Lifeline recertification rules. [Public Notice](#)
- May 21 - PRA comments due on a new information collection on the Application for CAF Phase II Auction Support, FCC Form 683 and on a revision of a currently approved collection associated with High Cost USF support forms. [Notice](#)
- May 29 - PRA comments due on revisions to Lifeline and ETC Forms 555, 481, 497, 5629, 5630 and 5631. The revisions implement the requirement that ETCs provide written notice to their customers who are currently receiving enhanced support but will no longer be eligible for enhanced Tribal support. [Notice](#)
- June 4 - Comments due on the [Third FNPRM](#) on rural call completion. The FCC seeks comment on: proposed rules to implement the recently enacted Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2017, and sunsetting the recording and retention rules established in the RCC Order upon implementation of the RCC Act. Replies are due June 19, 2018.
- June 7 - Comments due on the [FNPRM](#) on ways to address the problem of unwanted calls to reassigned numbers. Replies due July 9, 2018. [FR](#)
- June 19 - Replies due on the [Third FNPRM](#) on rural call completion. The FCC seeks comment on: proposed rules to implement the recently enacted Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2017, and sunsetting the recording and retention rules established in the RCC Order upon implementation of the RCC Act.



- June 25 - Petitions due seeking to suspend or reject tariff filings made on 15 days' notice. Replies due June 28, 2018. [Order](#)
- July 9 - Replies due on the [FNPRM](#) on ways to address the problem of unwanted calls to reassigned numbers. [FR](#)

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