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### May 7, 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- The FCC issued the [agenda](#) for its May 10, 2018 Open Meeting. The FCC will consider: an [NPRM](#) on the use of 2.5 GHz spectrum; an [NPRM](#) proposing to streamline rules on interference caused by FM translators and expedite the translator complaint resolution process; an [NPRM](#) on streamlining or eliminating rules that require the physical posting of broadcast licenses in specific locations; an enforcement action; and a Hearing Designation Order.
- The March 23, 2018 RoR USF Reform [Report and Order and Third Order on Reconsideration is effective](#) May 31, 2018, except for sections 54.313(f)(4) and 54.1305(j), which require OMB approval.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau [announced](#) 217 revised offers of A-CAM support.
- The [Order](#) that increases the amount of operating costs carriers that predominantly serve Tribal lands can recover from the USF for the period beginning January 1, 2017, [is effective](#) May 31, 2018.
- Chairman Pai issued [a statement](#) following USAC's [announcement](#) that the high-cost USF budget control mechanism will cut USF support for small, rural carriers by 15.52 percent over the next year.
- Grand River Mutual Telephone filed a [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the March 23, 2018 RoR USF Reform [Order](#) that provided additional support to fund model-based broadband deployment. GRM requested increasing the amount of additional A-CAM support to provide funding for the locations that were precluded from receiving support due to an inadvertent clerical error.
- The FCC issued an [Order on Reconsideration](#) on the procedures to be used in the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process. The Order increases the maximum distance between speed test measurements to 800 meters and the associated buffer radius to 400 meters.
- The FCC issued [an Order](#) granting the Kansas Farm Bureau's [Petition for Waiver](#) so it can participate as a challenger in the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process.
- USTelecom filed a [Petition](#) seeking forbearance from certain ILEC regulatory obligations.
- Comments [are due](#) June 1, 2018, on the [NPRM](#) proposing 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. Replies due July 2, 2018.
- USAC filed [Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections](#) for the Third Quarter 2018. (Appendices are available on [USAC's website](#)).
- Reply comments were filed by the [New Networks Institute and the Irregulators](#) and the [Irregulators](#) on the [NPRM](#) on Part 36 jurisdictional separations.

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### Other Key Upcoming Dates

- 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.
- May 25 - Comments due on the [NPRM](#) on high-cost rate-of-return USF reform. Replies due June 25, 2018.
- 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](#)

## USF Reform

- The FCC [published](#) the March 23, 2018 RoR USF Reform [Report and Order and Third Order on Reconsideration](#) in the Federal Register on May 1, 2018, that, among other things: codified rules prohibiting the use of federal high-cost support for expenses that are not used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended; offers additional high-cost support to RoR carriers that previously accepted A-CAM support; and resolved or clarified certain issues raised in petitions for reconsideration of the March 2016 RoR Reform Order. The rules are effective May 31, 2018, except for §§ 54.313(f)(4) and 54.1305(j), which require OMB approval.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on May 7, 2018, announcing 217 revised offers of A-CAM support, consistent with the March 23, 2018 Rate-of-Return Reform [Order](#). In the Order, the FCC directed the Bureau to offer additional support up to \$146.10 per-location to all carriers that accepted the first revised offers of A-CAM support. Under this second revised offer, all locations with costs above \$52.50 will be funded up to a per-location funding cap of \$146.10, with deployment obligations adjusted accordingly. The [accompanying report](#) shows the revised state-level offers of model-based support and revised deployment obligations for each carrier that has already been authorized to receive A-CAM and is eligible to elect a second revised offer. These carriers have until June 21, 2018, to notify the Bureau, on a state-by state basis, whether they elect to receive the revised amount of model-based support. If a carrier fails to submit any final election letter by the June 21, 2018 deadline, it will be deemed to have declined the second revised offer.
- The FCC [published](#) the April 5, 2018 [Report and Order](#) in the Federal Register on May 1, 2018, that increases the amount of operating costs carriers that predominantly serve Tribal lands can recover from the USF for the period beginning January 1, 2017. This new rule is effective May 31, 2018.
- Chairman Pai issued [a statement](#) on April 27, 2018, following USAC's [announcement](#) that the high-cost USF budget control mechanism adopted in 2016 will cut universal service support for small, rural carriers by 15.52% over the course of the next year. Pai said "The prior Administration's budget control mechanism has created constant uncertainty for small, rural carriers, endangering their ability to make long-term investment decisions to bring high-speed broadband to the millions of Americans who still lack it." He noted earlier this year the FCC allocated \$180 million to such carriers as a stop-gap measure to avert budget cuts for the current funding year, and highlighted the importance of the FNPRM issued in March 2018 that will look at the budget control mechanism and other potential reforms.
- Grand River Mutual Telephone filed a [Petition for Reconsideration](#) on May 3, 2018, of the March 23, 2018 RoR USF Reform [Order](#) that provided additional support to fund model-based broadband deployment. GRM requested reconsideration of the Order in order to increase the amount of additional A-CAM support to provide funding for the locations that were precluded from receiving support due to an inadvertent clerical error. It suggested the Commission should at least seek comment on including these locations in the USF NPRM as it considers additional A-CAM funding opportunities.
- The Wireless Telecommunications and Wireline Competition Bureaus issued an [Order on Reconsideration](#) on April 30, 2018, on their own motion, on the procedures to be used in the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process. The Order increases the maximum distance between speed test measurements to 800 meters (approximately one-half of one mile) and the associated buffer radius to 400 meters (approximately one quarter of one mile).
- The FCC's Auctions and Spectrum Access Division issued [an Order](#) on May 2, 2018, granting the Kansas Farm Bureau's [Petition for Waiver](#) so that it can participate as a challenger in the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process, subject to certain conditions. The FCC instructed USAC to grant access to the challenge process portal to the users identified in KFB's Petition for Waiver.

- The Rural Wireless Association filed a revised [ex parte](#) as a follow up to its March 21, 2018 ex parte filing and April 20, 2018 meeting, in which RWA discussed concerns regarding overstated unsubsidized coverage and the fact that these concerns are exacerbated by the Bureaus' imposition of a square kilometer grid cell with a ¼ kilometer buffer radius that it claimed makes it nearly impossible to challenge claimed coverage in the 150-day challenge period for the Mobility Fund II. RWA said this ex parte contains an "Attachment Table of Contents" that lists the items in each attachment that are discussed in the letter.

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## ICC

- The FCC placed an item [on circulation](#) on May 3, 2018, entitled Updating the Intercarrier Compensation Regime to Eliminate Access Arbitrage.
- Venture Communications filed [a letter](#) on May 1, 2018, providing information to address questions from a prior meeting with WCB staff regarding methods used by NECA to determine interstate originating Local Switching rates for Venture's merged South Dakota study areas. The letter explained that NECA's methodology does not systematically result in increases or decreases in CAF ICC support, but produces zero impact to CAF ICC support on average. According to Venture, because of switched access rate banding, there is currently not a way to assign a resulting rate that would produce exactly zero effect to CAF ICC support for each individual case.
- CenturyLink [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on April 26, 2018, to explain its position that inefficient and unwanted arbitrage in intercarrier compensation arrangements frequently is caused by a disconnect between the responsibility for determining how traffic should be routed and the financial responsibility for that traffic. CenturyLink discussed the possibility of shifting financial responsibility where a carrier declines to accept a request for direct interconnection for the purpose of terminating access traffic, and advised that it intends to file a proposal for such a rule in the coming weeks.
- HDTandem and Dentons [met with](#) Legal Advisors to Commissioners O'Rielly and Rosenworcel and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on April 26, 2018, to discuss its IP Homing Tandem proposal, which it claimed would not only address industry concerns regarding access stimulation, but also benefit consumers by stimulating the IP transition and ushering in HD voice and other technological innovations. HD Tandem reiterated its desire to work with the Commission to accomplish its goals of completing intercarrier compensation reform and advancing the IP Transition.
- Iowa Network Access Division d/b/a Aureon filed its [Direct Case](#) on May 3, 2018, in the case [investigating](#) the lawfulness of its tariff revisions that were filed on February 22, 2018. Aureon asserted that consistent with the determination in the [2017 Liability Order](#) that Aureon was a CLEC under the Commission's non-dominant carrier rules, the Commission should permit Aureon to bill tariff rates equal to or less than its default transitional rate of \$0.00819 because that rate already prevents LECs from charging IXCs excessive rates for switched access. Oppositions to Direct Case are due May 10, 2018; rebuttal due May 17, 2018.
- Sprint filed a [Motion](#) on April 30, 2018, in support of AT&T's [Motion](#) to amend the [Protective Order](#) in the proceeding investigating Aureon's switched transport tariff filing. Sprint urged the Commission to adopt AT&T's proposed changes, which Sprint said would ensure parties are able to review Aureon's information and provide thorough responses in accordance with this proceeding's compressed schedule.
- Aureon filed an [Opposition](#) on April 30, 2018, to AT&T's [Motion](#) to amend the [Protective Order](#) in the proceeding investigating Aureon's switched transport tariff filing. Aureon asserted AT&T's Motion should be denied because the information to be produced is far broader than that produced in the complaint proceeding and includes highly sensitive information from Aureon's unregulated, competitive

Network Division. Aureon also said AT&T's own information in a recent, similar tariff investigation was protected at a similar level of protection as the Protective Order in this case.

- AT&T filed a [Reply](#) on May 2, 2018, to objections to its [Motion](#) seeking an amendment of the March 26, 2018 [Protective Order](#) in the [proceeding](#) investigating Iowa Network Services d/b/a Aureon's switched transport tariff filing. AT&T said Aureon's [opposition](#) is seeking to use the Protective Order to gain a strategic advantage and not solely as a shield to keep legitimately sensitive information from the public and/or competitive decision-makers. AT&T also asserted Aureon is now taking a position wholly inconsistent with the position it took in the formal complaint proceeding, which involved the same type of data the Commission has requested in connection with this tariff investigation.

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## Call Completion

- Comcast filed a [letter](#) on May 2, 2018, withdrawing its [Petition](#) for a limited waiver of the rural call completion reporting rules in light of the fact that the Commission has eliminated the obligation to file the rural call completion reports covered by the Petition.

## Broadband

- USTelecom filed a [Petition](#) on May 4, 2018, seeking forbearance from the following regulatory obligations placed on ILECs: ILEC-specific unbundling and resale mandates in section 251(c)(3) and (4) and associated section 251 and 252 obligations; section 272(e)(1)'s RBOC-specific time interval requirements for nondiscriminatory treatment of affiliates and non-affiliates regarding requests for service, and the long distance separate affiliate requirement for independent ILECs set out in section 64.1903; and section 271(c)(2)(B)(iii)'s RBOC-specific competitive checklist item regarding access to poles, ducts, conduit, and rights-of-way. USTelecom claimed forbearance from these obligations will remove barriers to infrastructure investment and will promote deployment and competition in the provision of high speed services.
- The FCC [published](#) in the Federal Register on May 3, 2018, the [Second Report and Order](#) released on March 30, 2018, on streamlining the wireless infrastructure siting review process. The Report and Order, among other things, amended the rules to clarify that the deployment of small wireless facilities by non-Federal entities does not constitute either a "federal undertaking" within the meaning of the NHPA or a "major federal action" under NEPA, and thus certain federal historic preservation and environmental reviews are not required. The Report and Order is effective July 2, 2018.
- The FCC issued a [Small Entity Compliance Guide](#) on May 3, 2018, on the [Report and Order](#) that eliminated the requirement for historic preservation review where utility poles are replaced with substantially identical poles that can support antennas or other wireless communications equipment. The FCC provided information on section 1.1320(b)(3) (Replacement Utility Poles) and section 1.1320 (Review of Commission Undertakings That May Affect Historic Properties).
- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue [announced](#) on May 3, 2018, the USDA is awarding a \$2.9 million grant to the Tombigbee Electric Cooperative to bring e-connectivity to rural Marion County, Alabama. Tombigbee Electric Cooperative will use the grant to deploy a Fiber-to-the-Premises network, which will connect nearly 500 households to high-speed broadband as well as businesses and essential community services in the area. Tombigbee will also establish a community center within the service area where residents can access the internet free of charge.
- The Coalition for Local Internet Choice [filed a copy](#) of Blair Levin's keynote address at CLIC's conference on April 30, 2018. Levin discussed the FCC's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee process and local government broadband deployment efforts.

- NRECA sent a [letter](#) to Elizabeth Bowles, Chair, Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee, on April 27, 2018, to express concern with the draft model state code. NRECA urged the BDAC to pay attention to the precedent set by 18 states that have adopted statutes streamlining the siting of small cell and 5G wireless devices. NRECA asserted each of those states has excluded electric cooperatives from application of the law, and many have excluded electric utilities more broadly. NRECA claimed collectively electric utilities own 65 to 70 percent of all poles nationally and the final model codes adopted by the BDAC could have a profound impact on the electric industry. NRECA offered proposed edits to the draft state model code.
- American Electric Power Service Corporation and Georgia Power [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Legal Advisors and [Wireline Competition Bureau staff](#) on April 26, 2018, to discuss pole attachments. They discussed a [letter](#) filed by electric utilities that responded to USTelecom's "Pole Attachment Rate and Pole Ownership [Report](#)" and USTelecom's March 22, 2018 [letter](#). They also discussed the need for a different regulatory approach to wireless pole attachments than the approach taken by the FCC with respect to wireline attachments. They also [met with](#) General Counsel staff to discuss proposed revisions to section 1.1424 (complaints by ILECs), and [met with](#) Advisors to Commissioners Carr and O'Rielly to discuss similar issues.
- The Wireless Infrastructure Association met with Legal Advisors to Commissioners [Rosenworcel](#) and [Carr](#) on April 26, 2018, to discuss the importance of the FCC continuing its efforts to reduce regulatory barriers to wireless infrastructure deployment. WIA also discussed the progress of the FCC's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee deliberations presented at its April 25, 2018 meeting.
- ACT-The App Association et al. met with [Chairman Pai](#) and Commissioners [O'Rielly](#), [Rosenworcel](#), [Carr](#), and [Clyburn](#) and their Legal Advisors on April 25, 2018, to encourage the Commission to support wireless broadband infrastructure buildout by streamlining regulations for small cell deployment. They expressed support for efforts that allow use of the 3.5 GHz band for broadband purposes and enhancing last-mile broadband connectivity for Americans through unused television white space spectrum bands. They also discussed concern regarding the danger illegal robocalls pose to Americans, and attached the annual State of the App Economy [report](#).

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## Universal Service

- The FCC [published](#) in the Federal Register on May 2, 2018, the [NPRM](#) proposing 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 June 1, 2018; replies are due July 2, 2018. The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on May 2, 2018, to announce comments are due June 1, 2018, on the [NPRM](#). Replies are due July 2, 2018.
- USAC filed [Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections](#) for the Third Quarter 2018 on May 2, 2018. USAC stated the total High Cost Support Mechanism funding requirements are projected to be \$1.087 billion. (Appendices are available on [USAC's website](#)).
- Reps. Frank Pallone (D-N.J.) and Peter Welch (D-Vt.) issued a [joint statement](#) on May 3, 2018, to express concern with Chairman Pai's decision to direct the immediate transfer of the USF funds to the US Treasury. They said they were dismayed Pai went forward with this decision, without the benefit of further GAO analysis, notifying his fellow commissioners, input from millions of Americans dependent on these funds or from Congress.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Managing Director sent a [letter](#) to USAC on May 1, 2018, to provide guidance on USAC's application of the Commission's E-rate competitive bidding rules for Category One services for Funding Year 2018. The FCC explained how USAC should treat E-rate applications for which the applicants completed their FCC Form 470 in a manner that was reflective of

their service needs, but may have been inconsistent with USAC's guidance on which services to select from the FCC Form 470 drop-down menu within the E-rate Productivity Center online portal.

- WestLink Communications and the Kansas Corporation Commission filed a [Petition for Waiver](#) on April 30, 2018, requesting a waiver of the October 1, 2017 filing deadline for states to file their annual certification with USAC regarding the use of federal high-cost support by ETCs. They explained the KCC staff had omitted WestLink from the 2017 KCC High-Cost Certification because, following WestLink's acquisition by United Wireless, the KCC Order declared UW to be WestLink's successor-in-interest, and thus KCC staff had presumed that UW's inclusion would be sufficient to cover WestLink. They said a waiver is needed to enable WestLink to receive high cost support for the period before the KCC filed a corrective certification with the FCC to include WestLink in the KCC's 2017 high-cost certification.
- The Michigan PSC filed a [letter](#) on May 2, 2018, asking the FCC to grant an additional extension to Michigan's current Lifeline waiver for another six months, until December 31, 2018. The MPSC said since the [grant](#) of its previous waiver request, there still has been no legislative movement to change the current law in Michigan regarding the Michigan Lifeline eligibility criteria and, as such, the Michigan Lifeline Eligibility Database will not be aligned with the new federal eligibility criteria by June 30, 2018.
- The University of Texas Health Science Center [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on April 27, 2018, to discuss the challenges of complying with section 54.607 (determining the rural rate) for services in geographic areas where an applicant's service provider has no similarly situated customers of comparable services, no publicly-available rates are available for similar services from other providers, and no state or federal regulatory mechanisms exist for filing and obtaining approval of rate schedules or for recording and allocating a carrier's costs of service.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau released a [Public Notice](#) on April 30, 2018, granting, denying, and dismissing various petitions related to actions taken by USAC on E-rate, USF contributions, and Rural Health Care. Petitions for reconsideration or applications for review of these decisions must be filed within 30 days of the Public Notice.
- Telrite, enTouch Wireless, and Global Connection of America filed a [Petition](#) on May 3, 2018, asking the Commission to extend the deadline to complete Lifeline recertifications for certain Lifeline subscribers in Puerto Rico. They said their experience over the last month has made clear that hurricane recovery efforts remain ongoing, which has inhibited the ability of consumers to complete the recertification process. They asked the Commission for an additional 30 days to complete recertification.
- ATN International, parent company of Virgin Islands Telephone Company dba Viya, Viya Wireless, and Choice Communications, [met with](#) Commissioner Carr's Advisor and [staff from](#) the Wireline Competition and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus on April 26, 2018, to discuss the proposed item to provide additional USF support to companies affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. They also discussed accountability options for the funds. ATN International also [met separately with](#) Advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioners O'Rielly and Rosenworcel on May 2, 2018, to discuss the same issues.
- The *Compliance* Group sent a [letter](#) to Kris Monteith, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, on April 27, 2018, asking the Commission to clarify for a company with both common carriage and private carriage revenues what is the correct way to report revenues that avoids improperly triggering private carriage contributions to TRS, LNP, and NANP.
- SLIC Network Solutions filed a [Request for Review](#) on April 27, 2018, asking the Commission to review and reverse USAC's decision that rejected its FCC Forms 499-A worksheets that it submitted for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. SLIC also asked the Commission to: consolidate this request with the pending applications for review of the [One-Year Deadline Order](#) and the [First Appeal](#); disavow the Order and the WCB's one-year revision deadline; and direct USAC to process SLIC's

revised Forms 499-A for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, and to determine whether SLIC is entitled to refunds.

- The SHLB Coalition [met separately](#) with Advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioners Carr, Clyburn and Rosenworcel on April 16, 17 and 23, 2018, to discuss its [Petition](#) for a waiver of the Rural Health Care funding cap for Funding Year 2017. SHLB urged the Commission to grant the Petition to fully fund existing and future applications until the issues in the underlying rulemaking proceeding are resolved and implemented. The [National Association of Community Health Centers](#) and [King Cove, Alaska, Manilag, PATHS Community Medical Center, Chambers Health, and Highland Medical Center](#) filed letters to express support for SHLB Coalition's [Petition](#).
- GCI [met with](#) Commissioner Rosenworcel and her Advisor on April 25, 2018, to urge completion of the Rural Health Care Funding Year 2017 commitments process. GCI asserted the delay in completing the commitments and disbursement process is threatening to disrupt its ability to undertake key network improvements to improve wireless and wireline broadband in Alaska during the coming construction season. GCI also reiterated its proposals for longer-term reform of the Telecom Program, and emphasized the need for a system to prioritize support under the Rural Health Care Program. GCI also [met with](#) Consumer and Governmental Affairs and Office of Native Affairs and Policy staff on April 27, 2018, to discuss the same issues.

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## State Actions

- The Oregon PUC released an [Order](#) on April 26, 2018, adopting staff recommendations to initiate a rulemaking to require companies providing services using VoIP to contribute to the Oregon Universal Service Fund. It also said staff plans to address the contribution mechanism, calculation, and form issues only with respect to Interconnected VoIP providers, and expects to propose rules to the PUC by the end of the summer and issue a notice of proposed rulemaking in the fall.
- The Chairman of the Missouri PSC, Brandon Presley, [announced](#) on April 18, 2018, he asked PSC staff to investigate if phone companies profit from robocalls. He said he wants the PSC to take stronger action to stop the calls by requiring cellular telephone companies to offer free robocall blocking technology and develop ways to stop caller ID spoofing.

## Misc.

- The FCC issued the [agenda](#) for its May 10, 2018 Open Meeting. The FCC will consider: an [NPRM](#) that would allow more efficient 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.
- Reply comments were filed on April 27, 2018, on the [NPRM](#) that proposed to adopt recommendations from the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations and to amend the Part 36 jurisdictional separations rules to conform to reforms adopted in the [Part 32 Reform Order](#). The [New Networks Institute and the Irregulators](#) asserted the FCC should be investigating how its rules have harmed customers by making state 'intra-state' services, like phone service, appear unprofitable, when the FCC's own rules, including Part 36, caused massive cross-subsidies that the FCC has never examined. The [Irregulators](#) claimed the separations freeze and the FCC's accounting rules have

distorted every aspect of telecom, asserting there has been no serious oversight for 16 years and the FCC has created a financial shell game that has gone hidden from view.

- Terral Telephone and Aegis Consulting [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on April 30, 2018, to discuss Terral's pending Petition for Waiver of the jurisdictional separations freeze. Terral claimed its frozen category relationships is the primary obstacle to Terral's deployment of broadband on Tribal lands, and noted it is the only carrier identified among those meeting the criteria for the recent OpEx limitation relief Order that is subject to the freeze. It said this new rule will therefore not benefit Terral and will not remove obstacles to broadband deployment in Terral's service territory.
- The U.S. Department of Justice sent a [letter](#) to Kris Monteith, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, on April 30, 2018, seeking certain FCC information for its investigation into the proposed merger of T-Mobile US and Sprint. The DoJ requested access to the information contained in each NRUF report from December 2017 through the present submitted by wireless telecommunications carriers, by carrier and by rate center, and the LNP data in the FCC's possession related to wireless telecommunications carriers, by carrier and by rate center, from October 2017 to the present.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on May 3, 2018, announcing the 29th LNP Administrator Transition Outreach and Education Plan webcast will take place on May 9, 2018. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Transition Oversight Manager, will report on the May 6, 2018 NPAC migration of the Midwest, Northeast, and Mid-Atlantic Regions to the next LNPA, and discuss preparatory activities and the communications plan for the May 20, 2018 NPAC migration of the Western, West Coast, and Southwest Regions. Interested parties may register and find additional details for the session by visiting this [link](#).
- The North American Portability Management filed a [letter](#) on April 30, 2018, to provide a summary of the status updates regarding the transition from the current LNPA, Neustar, to the new LNPA, Telcordia d/b/a iconectiv. The NAPM indicated it will continue to file written updates of this report with the FCC at the end of each month until the transition is complete.

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## Upcoming Filing Dates

- 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 10 - Comments due on Apeiron Systems' application for authorization to obtain NANP telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators for its iVoIP service. [Public Notice](#)
- 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 25 - Comments due on the NPRM portion of the March 23, 2018, [Report and Order, Third Order on Reconsideration, and NPRM](#) on high-cost USF rate-of-return reform. Reply comments are due June 25, 2018. [FR](#)
- 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](#)
- May 29 - CAF Phase I Round 2 challenges due on previously unidentified census blocks served by FairPoint. [Public Notice](#)
- June 1 - Comments due the [NPRM](#) proposing 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. Replies are due July 2, 2018. [FR](#)
- 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](#)
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- June 25 - Petitions due seeking to suspend or reject tariff filings made on 15 days' notice. Replies due June 28, 2018. [Order](#)
- June 25 - Replies due on the NPRM portion of the March 23, 2018, [Report and Order, Third Order on Reconsideration, and NPRM](#) on high-cost USF rate-of-return reform. [FR](#)
- July 2- Replies due the [NPRM](#) proposing 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. [FR](#)
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