May 9, 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

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- USTelecom said policy goals expressed in the Commission’s USF reform orders should correspond with the proposed Alaska Plan as it applies to both rural LECs and CETC support. ATA suggested that eligible areas for ILEC support under the Alaska Plan be identified using the same process the Commission recently adopted for rate-of-return carriers that remain on legacy support. GCI claimed ACS seeks to siphon off USF support targeted for mobile voice and broadband service in rural Alaska to support middle mile services. GCI confirmed that, for areas where it commits to deploy LTE under the proposed Alaska Plan, it will provide speeds of 2 Mbps/800 kbps in areas served by fiber or microwave backhaul and 1 Mbps/256 kbps in areas served by satellite backhaul. GCI filed its revised performance commitments under the proposed Alaska Plan.

- Emery Telcom filed a letter to request a specific transitional mechanism to implement the waiver of its 2011 Base Period Revenues requested in its October 2012 Petition.

- The FCC announced that the E-rate program funding cap for funding year 2016 is $3.939 billion, representing a 1 percent inflation-adjusted increase in the $3.9 billion cap from funding year 2015.

- USAC filed Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2016. (see USAC’s website for appendices).

Other Key Upcoming Dates

- May 9 - Replies due to refresh the record on petitions and applications for review of the 2010 Declaratory Ruling on Sandwich Isles’ cable network lease costs.
- May 12 - Comments due on the FNPRM attached to the Rate-of-Return USF Reform Order. Replies due June 13.

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USF Reform

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an Erratum on May 4, 2016, to the March 30, 2016 the Rate-of-Return USF Reform Order. The Erratum corrects, deletes, and replaces certain text in the Report and Order, Appendix B (Final Rules), and Appendix E (CAF-BLS Assumptions).

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on May 3, 2016, announcing the release of rate-of-return study area density data, which will be used in implementing various reforms adopted by the Commission in the Rate-of-Return USF Reform Order. The housing unit, land area, and density data are posted on the Industry and Technology Analysis Division’s Study Area Boundary Data page, and is available at https://www.fcc.gov/file/3722/download.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on May 4, 2016, authorizing Rural Broadband Experiment support for New Lisbon Broadband and Communications for the winning bid identified in the Attachment to this Public Notice. The Bureau said the $37,695.60 will bring new broadband service to seven census blocks in rural Indiana.

- USTelecom met with Chairman Wheeler’s Legal Advisor and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on May 2, 2016, to discuss the proposed Alaska Plan. USTelecom said it is important that policy goals expressed in the Commission’s USF reform orders correspond with the proposed Alaska Plan as it applies to both rural LECs and CETC support. USTelecom expressed an interest in more clarity surrounding obligations associated with support and concerns about support that is potentially duplicative or based on the discredited identical support approach.

- The Alaska Telephone Association filed a letter on May 2, 2016, to propose that eligible areas for ILEC support under the Alaska Plan be identified using the same process the Commission recently adopted for rate-of-return carriers that remain on legacy support. ATA said by contrast, the standards and process adopted for the model-based support program, which would eliminate from eligibility an entire census block when one location is served, would be inappropriate in Alaska because an average census block in Alaska is more than 50 times the size of the average census block in the other 49 states and the District of Columbia. ATA also reported GCI’s General Counsel spoke by telephone to the Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau on April 29, 2016, regarding how the Commission would identify which parts of Alaska RoR carrier service areas are eligible for support.

- GCI filed a letter on May 3, 2016, to respond to what it calls ACS’s attempts “to scuttle the Alaska Plan.” It asserted rather than investing in facilities necessary to improve its own service offerings and position, ACS instead looks to siphon off USF support targeted for mobile voice and broadband service in rural Alaska, which ACS no longer offers, to support the middle mile services that ACS seeks to purchase for its enterprise operations. GCI said the Commission should reject ACS’s attempts to divert the CETC portions of the Alaska Plan from delivering improved mobile service to Alaskan consumers.

- GCI filed a letter on May 4, 2016, to confirm that, for areas where it commits to deploy LTE under the proposed Alaska Plan, it will provide, through to the edge, speeds of 2 Mbps/800 kbps in areas served by fiber or microwave backhaul and 1 Mbps/256 kbps in areas served by satellite backhaul. It also reported it communicated with Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff on April 29, 2016, to discuss how GCI assigned population to specific study areas in its April 19, 2016 filing, in which it had provided a spreadsheet showing the number of people in each Alaska ILEC study area who live in census blocks where more than one CETC is providing service today. GCI attached a map of ILEC study area boundaries.

- GCI filed a letter on May 5, 2016, to file its revised performance commitments under the proposed Alaska Plan to reflect improved estimates of the number of locations that will be upgraded from satellite to microwave backhaul and more precise correlations between tower sites and available backhaul technology.
Nicholville Telephone filed a letter on April 28, 2016, to contest the existence of “qualified” unsubsidized competitors listed in the A-CAM data for its New York study area. It claimed Time Warner Cable does not offer service to any of the locations contained in the five census blocks being contested, and Slic Network Solutions, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nicholville Telephone, does not offer service to any of the locations contained in the three census blocks being contested. List of all challenges available to date.

WISPA and the ACA met with Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of General Counsel staff on April 28, 2016, to discuss the CAF Phase II competitive bidding process and the proposed requirement that winners provide a Letter of Credit. They said requiring winners to submit a LoC from a “top 100 bank” that has a BBB- or better credit rating and that is insured by the FDIC or FCSIC will reduce, if not effectively eliminate, participation in the process by smaller providers. They proposed that a bank should be eligible to provide a qualifying LoC if it is FDIC/FCSIC-insured and has an investment grade rating of B- or above from Weiss Ratings.

U.S. Cellular filed a Petition for Waiver on May 5, 2016, requesting an extension of the Mobility Phase I deployment deadline for four sites in three Census Tracts located in the State of Washington. It said it has encountered unexpected deployment delays that will prevent it from meeting the 75% coverage requirement by the June 25 deadline, and therefore asks for extensions of the coverage deadline to enable it to complete construction and network deployment in each of the three Census Tracts. It is seeking a one-year extension for two of the Census Tracts, and a 180-day extension for the third Census Tract.

ICC

Emery Telcom filed a letter on May 5, 2016, to request a specific transitional mechanism to implement the waiver of its 2011 Base Period Revenues requested in its October 2012 Petition. Emery explained that because it was not allowed to include all 2011 revenues in its Base Period Revenue amount, it was precluded from assessing the ARC that it otherwise would have been allowed to assess via its July 2014 and 2015 access tariff, and thus it proposes a transition that includes both accelerated ARC increases and true-up CAF funding. Emery said for the revenues not recovered through the ARC, it requests that it should be allowed to recover the revenue shortfall through the TRP true-up process for the effected years.

Broadband

The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on May 11, 2016, entitled Examining the Proposed FCC Privacy Rules. Witnesses include Chairman Wheeler, Commissioner Pai, FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez, and FTC Commissioner Maureen Ohlhausen.

The Internet Innovation Alliance issued a press release on May 5, 2016, announcing the release of a report entitled “The Impact of Broadband and Related Information and Communications Technologies on the American Economy,” by Kevin A. Hassett and Robert J. Shapiro. The report found that in 2014, the U.S. broadband/information and communications technologies sector produced $1,019.2 billion in value-added for the American economy, equal to 5.9 percent of U.S. GDP in 2014. It also found the use of U.S. broadband/ICT goods and services by U.S. private industries and the information sector (and government) contributed an additional $692.0 billion in output in 2014, equal to 2.7 percent of their combined output and 4.0 percent of GDP.
IP Transition

- ACS filed a Petition for Waiver on May 6, 2016, requesting an expedited waiver of section 51.332 to permit a retirement of copper upon fewer than the 180 days' notice. ACS said it received notice from the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities indicating it will commence with two major road work projects in Anchorage on or about July 1, 2016, that will result in the destruction of ACS of Anchorage’s copper loop plant in the vicinity. ACS said it plans to replace the affected facilities with two new digital loop carrier systems to maintain service to affected customers, but because this work will result in an involuntary “retirement of copper” that will take place fewer than 180 days in the future, it is requesting an expedited waiver of section 51.332.

State Actions

- The Vermont Public Service Board released an Order on May 2, 2016, seeking comment on a draft procedure to implement a new high-cost program related to amendments to the High-Cost Program made by the Vermont Legislature in 2015. It specifies that if no company applied for status as a VETC in a particular exchange, the high-cost funding allocated to that exchange would instead be directed from the High-Cost Program to the Connectivity Initiative. Comments are due May 16.

USF

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on May 6, 2016, announcing that the E-rate program funding cap for funding year 2016 is $3.939 billion. The Bureau said the new cap represents a 1 percent inflation-adjusted increase in the $3.9 billion cap from funding year 2015.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau released an Erratum on May 6, 2016, to the April 27, 2016 Lifeline Reform Order. The Erratum made certain changes to the text of the Order.

- USAC filed Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2016 on May 2, 2016. The High Cost Support Mechanism funding requirements are projected as follows: $177.51 million for HCL Support; $250.15 million for ICLS; $43.14 million for frozen Price Cap Carrier Support; $397.41 million for CAF Phase II; $0.75 million for Rural Broadband Experiments; $148.66 million for frozen CETC Support; $107 million for CAF/ICC Support; and $0.38 million for the High Cost account; resulting in total High Cost Support Mechanism projected demand of $1.125 billion. (Appendices not provided - see USAC’s website).

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on May 2, 2016, seeking comment on a joint petition filed by BPS Telephone and AT&T for a study area waiver to modify their study area boundaries in the state of Missouri between the AT&T exchange of Malden and the BPS exchange of Parma in order to transfer two potential customers to the service area of BPS. Comments are due June 1; replies due June 16.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on May 4, 2016, seeking comments on a petition filed on April 21, 2016, by the North Carolina Utilities Commission requesting FCC agreement with the NCUC’s redefinition of certain Central Telephone Company wire centers associated with the exchanges of Elkin, Hays, Mulberry, North Wilkesboro, and State Road as a separate service area or areas. Comments are due June 3; replies due June 17.

- Mutual Telephone Company of Sioux Center, Iowa, d/b/a Premier Communications, and Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association filed a Petition on May 3, 2016, seeking a waiver of the study area boundary freeze to redefine the Consolidated Communications of Iowa, f/k/a Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa, study area to exclude the Bancroft and Lakota exchanges and create a new study area for Winnebago comprised of the Bancroft and Lakota exchanges. They said
the transaction reflects Mutual’s acquisition of Heartland from Consolidated Communications through a Stock Purchase Agreement and subsequent purchase from Mutual of the Heartland Bancroft and Lakota exchanges through an Asset Purchase Agreement.

Misc.

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- The FCC released the special access Tariff Investigation Order and FNPRM on May 2, 2016, that was adopted at the April 28, 2016 Open Meeting. The Order resolved the investigation of AT&T, Verizon, CenturyLink and Frontier’s special access tariffs, finding that certain terms and conditions of these tariffs were unjust and unreasonable, and ordered these companies to file new tariffs within 60 days of release of the Order. The FNPRM proposes a new competition-triggered deregulatory framework for the provision of business data services that classifies markets as either non-competitive or competitive. The FNPRM seeks comments on, among other things: a set of de-regulatory measures in competitive markets; a tailored set of rules to safeguard customers in noncompetitive markets; a proposal that tariffs should not be used in the future as part of the regulation of broadband data service in either competitive or non-competitive markets; and a proposed future periodic data collection to allow the Commission to update its identification of competitive and noncompetitive markets. Comments are due June 28; replies due July 26.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an Order on May 3, 2016, approving NECA’s December 23, 2015 proposed modifications to the average schedule formulas for interstate settlements for the period beginning July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an Erratum on May 5, 2016, to the Order issued on April 13, 2016, setting forth the Tariff Review Plans that are available for all ILECs to use to support the annual revisions to the rates in their 2016 interstate access service tariffs. This Erratum amends the third sentence of paragraph 5 by replacing “a TRP” with “access service tariff revisions.”

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on May 4, 2016, listing Acknowledgements of Confidentiality filed by parties seeking access to confidential information filed in the special access data collection proceeding since the April 22, 2016 Public Notice. Parties that submitted confidential information in response to the collection have until May 11, 2016, to object to the disclosure of their data and information to any of the parties listed in the attachment to this Public Notice.

- The FCC published a Federal Register Notice on May 4, 2016, seeking PRA comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection in section 69.605, Reporting and Distribution of Pool Access Revenues. It said due to consolidation in the telecommunications marketplace, there is a decrease in the Commission’s burden estimates. Comments are due to OMB by June 3, 2016.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on May 5, 2016, seeking comment on MIX Network’s Application to obtain telephone numbers directly from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the Pooling Administrator. The Bureau said unless otherwise notified by the Commission, MIX may provide the states in which it intends to request numbers the required 30-day notice on the 31st day after the date of this notice. Comments are due May 20.

- NTCA filed a letter on May 5, 2016, saying there is a need for greater transparency and increased opportunity for input from smaller carriers and other interested stakeholders in connection with the
transition of the LNP Administrator. NTCA encouraged the FCC to permit all users of the NPAC to review and comment upon the iconectiv Master Service Agreement currently on circulation for approval by the full Commission before it is approved. NTCA claimed the LNPA transition thus far has been marked by limited transparency and little opportunity for meaningful input from small and rural carriers.

- USTelecom filed a letter on May 6, 2016, to respond to the LNP Alliance’s ex parte filings on the process of transitioning to iconectiv as the new LNP Administrator. USTelecom claimed it is inaccurate to say that small companies have had no voice in the transition process. USTelecom said it represents small and medium carriers comparable in size to the LNP Alliance participants, and said various state commissions represented the public interest – including businesses and consumers – through participation in the NANC at the time of selection. USTelecom indicated it supports the recent NAPM request for the Commission to approve the Master Services Agreement between Telcordia and NAPM.

- Neustar filed a reply on May 5, 2016, to oppositions filed by iconectiv and the NAPM to Neustar’s Application for Review of the Wireline Competition Bureau’s March 31, 2016 Second Protective Order in the LNP Administrator transition docket. Neustar asserted iconectiv and the NAPM provide no sound reason to deprive Neustar of access to the proposed MSA, and claimed iconectiv and the NAPM offer no response to the showing that the process that the Second Protective Order creates is inconsistent with the fundamental impartiality requirement of 47 U.S.C. § 251 (e).

- Neustar filed a letter on May 2, 2016, asking the FCC to require Telcordia Technologies, d/b/a iconectiv, to file in the LNP Administrator Transition proceeding all ex parte communications with Commission staff relating to iconectiv’s compliance with commitments and obligations reflected in the Selection Order. Neustar said these disclosures should be placed in the record and the FCC should allow an adequate opportunity for review before the Commission takes any action to approve the Master Services Agreement between iconectiv and the NAPM. Neustar claimed disclosure is needed after revelations of a breach of iconectiv’s commitments under the Selection Order.

- The North American Portability Management met with Chairman Wheeler’s Special Counsel, Legal Advisors to Commissioners Clyburn, Rosenworcel, and O’Rielly, and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on April 29, 2016, to suggest the FCC approve the new Master Services Agreement between iconectiv and the NAPM. The NAPM asserted the new MSA features numerous improvements over the MSA with Neustar, including significant cost savings that begin immediately upon cutover and greatly improved, robust provisions regarding data security and privacy. NAPM also said there is no reason to delay approval of the new MSA while the FCC addresses Neustar’s Application for Review of the Wireline Competition Bureau’s March 31, 2016 Second Protective Order, asserting the AFR is now moot because the new MSA has far fewer redactions than the original filing contained.

- The NAPM filed a letter on May 6, 2016, to urge the FCC to promptly approve the Master Services Agreement between the NAPM and iconectiv, and to deny Neustar’s Application for Review of the Wireline Competition Bureau’s March 31, 2016 Second Protective Order in the LNP Administrator transition docket. NAPM claimed the costs that every NPAC user of any size will incur under the new MSA are dramatically lower than the costs they currently incur under the old MSA. NAPM also said the FCC should not permit a very small group of parties to ask the Commission to reconsider decisions far after the deadline for filing petitions for reconsideration.

- iconectiv filed a Motion to Strike Neustar’s reply in support of its Application for Review of the Wireline Competition Bureau’s March 31, 2016 Second Protective Order in the LNP Administrator transition docket. iconectiv said Neustar’s reply is more than twelve pages long and Commission rules limit replies in support of Applications for Review to five pages.

- Telcordia, d/b/a iconectiv, filed a letter on May 4, 2016, to respond to the April 23, 2016 ex parte letter of Public Knowledge, the Open Technology Institute at New America, and the LNP Alliance, and the April 27 ex parte letter of the LNP Alliance. iconectiv said the LNP Alliance’s concerns about Telcordia’s Code of Conduct, which Telcordia revised and refiled as required by the March 2015 Selection Order, are baseless. iconectiv asserted the revised Code of Conduct actually imposes requirements that are more stringent than the prior Code of Conduct or the Selection Order, as well as
the neutrality requirements to which Neustar has been subject, and made a number of other changes to harmonize inconsistencies and clarify ambiguities.

- iconectiv filed a letter on May 4, 2016, to respond to Neustar’s May 2, 2016, ex parte that asks the Commission to require iconectiv to file in the public record certain communications related to its contract negotiations with the NAPM. iconectiv asserted the request is meritless because the communications are irrelevant to the remaining issues in this proceeding, and claimed they are exempt from the Commission’s ex parte rules.

- The New America’s Open Technology Institute and the LNP Alliance met with Chairman Wheeler’s Special Counsel and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on May 4, 2016, to discuss their concerns with the recommendation of the NAPM that the iconectiv Master Service Agreement currently circulating for Commission approval be approved without allowing time for smaller carriers and the public at large to review the MSA. They asserted the NAPM is unduly rushing the Commission to approve the MSA that was just released to smaller carriers last week, and asserted the transition process remains deeply flawed in that it largely excludes smaller carriers, consumer advocates, and the public at large.

- The Open Technology Institute at New America and the LNP Alliance met with Commissioner O’Rielly’s Legal Advisor on May 4, 2016, to ask the FCC to allow more time for smaller carriers to review the iconectiv Master Service Agreement on the LNP Administrator transition. They said the MSA and the structures in place to approve it could have implications for small carrier pricing, but also for the IP transition, and said they are concerned the IP transition is not being given sufficient priority and the LNPA transition is delaying it.

- West Telecom Services spoke with the Acting Bureau Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau and left a voicemail with Chairman Wheeler’s Special Counsel on May 2-3, 2016, regarding the Master Services Agreement between iconectiv and the NAPM. West Telecom said it would like more time to review the MSA and user agreement before the MSA is approved by the Commission. West Telecom also asserted that the public, redacted version of the MSA recently released by Telcordia conceals almost all of the substance necessary to conduct a meaningful review of the MSA.

- Mix Networks, Texaltel, MIDCO, Airespring, and ATL Communications met with Chairman Wheeler’s Special Counsel and Wireline Competition Bureau and General Counsel staff on May 5, 2016, to discuss concerns about the iconectiv Master Service Agreement on the LNP Administrator transition. They expressed their desire to ensure that the companies who were unable to participate in NAPM due to its membership fee now have the time to review the MSA.

- The FCC released its Seventeenth Report to Congress on May 6, 2016, on the status of competition in the market for the delivery of video. The report focuses on developments in the video marketplace in 2014, and categorizes entities into one of three groups; multichannel video programming distributors, broadcast television stations, and online video distributors. The FCC said the report describes the providers of delivered video programming in each group, summarize their business models and competitive strategies, and presents selected operating and financial statistics. Commissioners Pai and O’Rielly also issued a statement on the report.

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• May 25 - Petitions for Reconsideration due on the RoR USF Reform Order.

• May 25 - PRA comments due on Form 481 revisions to reflect reporting requirements for price cap carriers for CAF Phase II support, for recipients of RBE support, a reasonably comparable rate certification for broadband for high-cost support recipients, and an E-rate bidding certification for Phase II model-based support and RoR carrier high cost recipients.

• May 27 - Comments due on the NPRM on establishing privacy regulations for broadband ISPs to implement section 222 of the Communications Act. Replies due June 27. News Release

• May 31 - Comments due on competition in the mobile wireless marketplace for the FCC’s Nineteenth Annual Report on the State of Competition in Mobile Wireless, including CMRS. Replies due June 15. Public Notice

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• June 15 - Replies due on competition in the mobile wireless marketplace for the FCC’s Nineteenth Annual Report on the State of Competition in Mobile Wireless, including CMRS. Public Notice

• June 16 - ILEC tariffs due, for those filing on 15 days’ notice. Petitions to suspend or reject tariff filings due June 23; replies due June 27. Order

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- June 28 - Comments due on the FNPRM proposing a new competition-triggered deregulatory framework for the provision of business data services that classifies markets as either non-competitive or competitive. Replies due July 26.

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