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May 18, 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- The FCC adopted items listed on the May 13, 2020 [Open Meeting agenda](#), including a [report and order and NPRM](#) on regulatory fees.
- The FCC [announced](#) 774 broadband and telephone providers have taken the Keep Americans Connected Pledge and extended that commitment through June 30, 2020.
- The USDA [announced](#) it has invested \$500,000 to provide broadband service in Iowa, marking the final award from round one of the [ReConnect Program](#). The USDA also [announced](#) it has invested \$3.3 million in South Dakota, and \$22.5 million in [Michigan](#).
- The Senate Commerce Committee [held a hearing](#) on initiatives led by the FCC to maintain and expand broadband connections during the pandemic. Witnesses included [CCA](#), [NTCA](#), [USTelecom](#), and [Public Knowledge](#). The House Communications and Technology Subcommittee [will hold](#) a teleconference forum with Chairman Pai on May 19, 2020, on consumer protection, broadband and spectrum issues related to the pandemic.
- House Democrats [introduced legislation](#) that proposes over \$3 trillion in aid in response to the coronavirus pandemic, including \$1.5 billion to close the homework gap, and \$4 billion for home connectivity needs, among other things. [bill summary](#). Other bills introduced relating to the pandemic include: [a moratorium on internet and voice service terminations](#); and [ensuring connectivity](#) for college students and [K-12 students](#).
- NTCA [filed](#) a paper it commissioned refuting assertions that broadening the base of contributions to the USF would undermine broadband adoption and retention.
- USTelecom, et al. [discussed](#) a joint proposal for reporting fixed wireless broadband deployment.
- The FCC [authorized](#) CAF Phase II support for 77 winning bids and for [Mid-Hudson Data](#) in New York, [totaling](#) \$7.5 million.
- PRA comments [are due](#) June 12, 2020, on revisions of currently approved information collections associated with rate-of-return carrier universal service reporting requirements filed on FCC Forms 507, 508 and 509, and [with](#) high-cost universal service support filed on FCC Form 481.
- USTelecom, AT&T, et al. [discussed](#) performance testing obligations.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued its tariff review plan [order](#) for 2020 interstate access service tariff revisions.
- The ACAM Broadband Coalition [discussed](#) potential reform of 8YY originating access.

Other Key Upcoming Dates

- May 28 - Replies due on the state of competition in the communications marketplace. [public notice](#)

USF Reform

- The Wireline Competition Bureau, Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, and the Office of Economics and Analytics issued a [public notice](#) on May 14, 2020, authorizing CAF Phase II Auction 903 support for 77 winning bids identified in attachment A of the public notice. The Wireline Bureau also issued a [public notice](#) authorizing CAF II support for Mid-Hudson Data in New York. These authorizations total \$7.5 million in funding and represent the 12th wave of support from the CAF II auction. [news release](#)
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on May 13, 2020, seeking Paperwork Reduction Act comments on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with rate-of-return carrier universal service reporting requirements filed on FCC Forms 507, 508 and 509. The FCC said due to the rule changes in the [December 2018 RoR Reform Order](#), it proposes to revise this information collection and to increase the burdens associated with existing reporting requirements to account for additional carriers that will be subject to those requirements. PRA comments are due June 12, 2020.
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on May 13, 2020, seeking Paperwork Reduction Act comments on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with high-cost universal service support filed on FCC Form 481. The FCC said orders such as the [December 2018 RoR Reform Order](#) and the [2016 CAF Phase II Auction Order](#) have changed reporting obligations for high cost support, and proposes to revise this information collection, as well as Form 481, to reflect these new and revised requirements. The FCC also proposes to increase the burdens associated with existing reporting requirements to account for additional carriers that will be subject to those requirements. PRA comments are due June 12, 2020.
- Oppositions are due May 18, 2020, to petitions for reconsideration of the RDOF [report and order](#) filed by the [Vermont Department of Public Service](#), the [Illinois Office of Broadband](#), and [Premier Communications](#) are due. Replies are due May 26, 2020. [public notice](#) | [FR](#)
- Premier Communications and Matthey Consulting [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on May 12, 2020, regarding Premier's [petition](#) for clarification or, in the alternative, reconsideration of the RDOF [order](#). Premier urged the Commission to clarify it has not made a final determination of what areas will be eligible in the future Phase II auction. Premier suggested the Commission preserve the flexibility to make final decisions regarding what types of areas are eligible for Phase II of the RDOF at a time closer to that auction.
- USTelecom, AT&T, CenturyLink, Frontier, Alaska Communications, Consolidated and Windstream [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on May 6, 2020, to discuss performance testing obligations. They sought clarification on the instructions for meeting the minimum data requirement, and how crosstalk impacts meeting that requirement. They also discussed their experiences with pre-testing both generally and as it relates to crosstalk and incomplete tests. Additionally, they asked whether the FCC would consider some relief for the regular testing phase of the program, similar to that which was given for the pre-testing phase, asserting they are still experiencing the same roadblocks they faced in March related to the pandemic.
- Hughes Network Systems [spoke with](#) staff from the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, Office of Economics and Analytics, and Wireline Competition Bureau on May 7, 2020, to discuss competitive bidding procedures and program requirements for the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund.
- Consolidated Cooperative filed a [letter](#) on May 11, 2020, to respond to Byhalia.net's challenge to the list of census blocks deemed initially eligible in the RDOF Phase I auction. Consolidated urged the FCC to reject Byhalia's challenge, claiming it is not credible because it is missing critical information, and fails to credibly identify areas where it provides voice service.
- Yampa Valley Electric Association filed a [letter](#) on May 15, 2020, to respond to Zirkel Wireless' challenge to the list of census blocks deemed initially eligible in the RDOF Phase I auction. Yampa

Valley asserted removal of 545 census blocks from the auction will negate not only the universal service mission of the RDOF, but negatively impact many rural communities in Northwest Colorado. Yampa Valley asked the FCC to verify Zirkel's challenge and determine if they can serve these census blocks with voice and broadband speeds of 25/3 Mbps.

- The City of Potlatch, Idaho filed a [letter](#) on May 12, 2020, to respond to Frontier's challenge to the list of census blocks deemed initially eligible in the RDOF Phase I auction. It said it shares the concerns of [WISPA and NRECA](#), and urged the FCC to require Frontier to verify its service upgrade of voice and 25/3 Mbps broadband service of the Idaho census blocks it wants to exclude from the RDOF auction.
- The Athens County Board of County Commissioners filed a [letter](#) on May 12, 2020, expressing concern with Frontier's request to exclude parts of Athens County from participating in the RDOF auction. Athens County suggested the FCC reject Frontier's request and investigate their claim that they are currently providing the 25/3 Mbps level of broadband services.
- Midwest Energy & Communications filed a [letter](#) on May 12, 2020, to reply to DMCI Broadband's challenge to the list of census blocks deemed initially eligible in the RDOF Phase I auction. Midwest claimed DMCI's challenge is fundamentally flawed and provides no evidence that it can provide 25/3 Mbps broadband and interconnected voice service in the census blocks that it identifies.
- Victoria Electric Cooperative filed a [letter](#) on May 12, 2020, to reply to TISO's challenge to the list of census blocks deemed initially eligible in the RDOF Phase I auction. VEC asserted TISO does not offer broadband at a rate that meets the FCC's broadband service standards, and TISO's challenge should be denied, and these census blocks should be included on the final list of areas for the RDOF Phase I auction.
- Stanton Telecom filed a [letter](#) on May 12, 2020, to inform the FCC it has begun providing service to the census listed in appendix A of its comments filed on April 10, 2020, and requested that those census blocks be removed from the list of RDOF eligibility areas in the auction.
- The [City of Puxico, Missouri](#) and [Holloway Distributing](#) filed letters on May 8, 2020, to respond to BPS' challenge to the list of census blocks deemed initially eligible in the RDOF Phase I auction. They asked the FCC to deny the challenge filed by BPS and to further investigate the claims it made in its challenge.
- Nextlink Internet filed a [letter](#) on May 8, 2020, to respond to Brady Communications' challenge to the list of census blocks deemed initially eligible in the RDOF Phase I auction. Nextlink asserted Brady's challenge appears to significantly overstate Brady's service capabilities.
- Verizon filed a [letter](#) on May 15, 2020, withdrawing its May 2013 [request](#) for confidential treatment of study area boundary information, which was filed pursuant to [2012](#) and [2013](#) FCC orders. Verizon said, however, it is not withdrawing its request for confidential treatment of the wire center boundary information that was included in the 2013 submission, claiming this information remains confidential.

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- The Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau issued an [order](#) on May 12, 2020, setting forth the tariff review plans to be used by incumbent LECs to support their 2020 interstate access service tariff revisions. The PPD said because the 2020 TRPs include implementation of non-rate-level reforms associated with the USF/ICC Transformation Order, the 2018 Separations Order and other orders, it waived section 69.3(a), which limits the annual access charge tariff filing to rate-level changes, to allow compliance with those orders.
- ACAM Broadband Coalition members Great Plains Communications, Hargray Communications, Consolidated Companies, Ritter Communications, and Farmers Mutual [spoke with](#) Wireline

Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analytics staff on May 12, 2020, regarding reform of 8YY originating access. They asserted any transition of RoR carriers' originating 8YY access traffic to bill-and-keep must be accompanied by a mechanism to compensate for all access revenues that would be lost as a result. They also suggested the Commission refrain from mandating bill-and-keep for the intrastate 8YY access traffic of RoR carriers unless it implements a similar recovery mechanism for the intrastate access revenue that would be lost as a result.

- USTelecom, AT&T, CenturyLink, Frontier, Verizon and Windstream [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analysis staff on May 11, 2020, to discuss USTelecom's [proposal](#) for 8YY reform. USTelecom asserted its proposed single rate set at \$0.001/minute would address negative incentives currently existing in the market and allow legitimate cost recovery. It also suggested the Commission include adequate recovery mechanisms for carriers as the rate structures associated with 8YY are either substantially reduced or are transitioned to bill and keep.
- Intrado [spoke with](#) Commissioner Rosenworcel's legal advisor on May 11, 2020, to discuss its efforts in response to the pandemic, and on call authentication and call-blocking associated with fraud-calling mitigation and prevention. Intrado also discussed 8YY access charge reform and asserted any reversal of 8YY access charge directionality (originating-to-terminating) is flawed since it would eliminate middle-mile competition by eliminating compensation to that class.
- Inteliquent filed a [request](#) on May 14, 2020, for a renewal of the [temporary waiver](#), until September 1, 2020, of the access stimulation definition contained in Part 61. Inteliquent requested the FCC only grant the extended waiver to its terminating-to-originating traffic ratios in the following six urban LATAs: Chicago, Illinois; Houston, Texas; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Jacksonville, Florida; New York Metro, New York; and Denver, Colorado. Inteliquent said the waiver will enable it to continue to respond to the needs of the public during the continuation of the pandemic.

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Broadband

- The FCC issued a [news release](#) on May 15, 2020, announcing 774 broadband and telephone providers have taken the Keep Americans Connected Pledge and extended that commitment through June 30, 2020. The FCC said by taking the pledge, each of these companies has committed to: not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic; waive any late fees that any residential or small business customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic; and open its Wi-Fi hotspots to any American who needs them.
- The USDA [announced](#) on May 13, 2020, it has invested \$500,000 to provide broadband service in unserved and underserved rural areas in Iowa. The USDA said Breda Telephone will use the funding to deploy a FTTH network. The USDA said this announcement marks the final award from round one of the [ReConnect Program](#) and that since October 2019, it invested \$744 million to bring high-speed broadband to approximately 172,000 households, 19,000 rural small businesses and farms, and more than 500 health care centers, educational facilities, and critical community facilities located in 34 states.
- The USDA [announced](#) on May 12, 2020, it has invested \$3.3 million to provide broadband service in unserved and underserved rural areas in South Dakota. The USDA said SDN Communications will use this funding to deploy fixed wireless broadband. The funding is through the [USDA's ReConnect Program](#).
- The USDA [announced](#) on May 13, 2020, it has invested \$22.5 million to provide broadband service in unserved and underserved rural areas in Michigan. The USDA said Barry County Services Company will use the funding to provide fiber-based broadband services and Southwest Michigan

Communications will deploy FTTP broadband service. The funding is through the [USDA's ReConnect Program](#).

- NTCA filed a [letter](#) on May 11, 2020, on the results of a [paper](#) it commissioned examining assertions that broadening the base of contributions to the USF would undermine broadband adoption and retention.
- USTelecom, AT&T, CenturyLink, Frontier, Consolidated, Verizon, and WISPA [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau, Office of Economics and Analytics, and Office of Engineering and Technology staff on May 13, 2020, to discuss a joint consensus proposal by USTelecom and WISPA for reporting fixed wireless broadband deployment in the Digital Opportunity Data Collection proceeding. They said to ensure fixed wireless providers can comply with new broadband mapping requirements the Commission must incorporate some flexibility into the requirements. They suggested, among other things, the FCC establish the service levels to be depicted by fixed wireless broadband providers, noting that maps should not be created by technology.
- The Senate Commerce Committee [held a hearing](#) on May 13, 2020, on the ongoing initiatives led by the FCC to maintain and expand high-speed and reliable broadband connections to all Americans during the pandemic. Witnesses included Steven Berry of the [Competitive Carriers Association](#), Shirley Bloomfield of [NTCA](#), Jonathan Spalter of [USTelecom](#), and Gene Kimmelman of [Public Knowledge](#).
- The House Communications and Technology Subcommittee [announced](#) on May 14, 2020, it will hold a teleconference forum with Chairman Pai on May 19, 2020, to discuss consumer protection, broadband and spectrum issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- House Democrats introduced [H.R. 6800, the Heroes Act](#), on May 12, 2020, which proposes over \$3 trillion in aid in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The bill, among other things, proposes \$1.5 billion to close the homework gap by providing funding for Wi-Fi hotspots and connected devices for students and library patrons, and \$4 billion for emergency home connectivity needs. [bill summary](#) | [press release](#)
- Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), Gary Peters (D-Mich.), and Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.) introduced the [Supporting Connectivity for Higher Education Students in Need Act](#) on May 13, 2020, which seeks to ensure college and university students with the greatest financial needs can access high-speed internet during the coronavirus pandemic. The bill would appropriate \$1 billion to establish an Emergency Higher Education Connectivity fund at the NTIA. Reps. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.), Doris Matsui (D-Calif.), G.K. Butterfield (D-N.C.), et al. introduced [companion legislation](#) in the House. [press release](#)
- Sens. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) introduced [legislation](#) on May 12, 2020, entitled the *Continuing Online Networking, Negating Economic Conditions on Technology (CONNECT) At Home Act*. The bill proposes to institute a moratorium on service terminations by internet service and voice service providers during, and for 180 days after the conclusion of the national state of emergency. [press release](#)
- Sens. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), et al. introduced [the Emergency Educational Connections Act](#) on May 12, 2020. The bill seeks to ensure all K-12 students have adequate home internet connectivity and devices during the coronavirus pandemic. The bill is the Senate companion to legislation [introduced](#) by Rep. Grace Meng (D-N.Y.), but increases the appropriation from \$2 billion to \$4 billion. [press release](#)
- Rep. Marc Veasey (D-Texas) [announced](#) on May 13, 2020, he plans to introduce a bill to increase access to broadband for low-income and minority individuals, which will provide free or low-cost internet services to those laid off or furloughed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill will also provide devices such as laptop or desktop computers or tablets to eligible households and for current Lifeline subscribers require that service providers provide an unlimited number of minutes and amount of data to their current plans for the duration of the pandemic.

- Rep. Paul D. Tonko (D-N.Y.) sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai on May 7, 2020, claiming the FCC continues to use outdated and inaccurate broadband maps that exclude New York from funding on a false premise that they are all served. Tonko included testimonials from teachers, students, parents and small business owners in his congressional district who are struggling as a result of being unable to access broadband internet, and, in particular, whose hardships have become exacerbated due to the pandemic. [press release](#)
- The Wireless Infrastructure Association [spoke with](#) legal advisors to Commissioners O'Rielly and Starks on May 6, 2020, to discuss its efforts to keep Americans connected during the pandemic. WIA also discussed the ongoing proceeding in which the Commission is considering a [petition](#) for rulemaking filed by WIA, a [petition](#) for declaratory ruling filed by WIA, and a [petition](#) for declaratory ruling filed by CTIA.
- The FCC issued a [public notice](#) on May 11, 2020, to announce the next meeting of the Technological Advisory Council will be held on June 4, 2020. The TAC will hear presentations from its four working groups: 5G/IOT/V-RAN, Future of Unlicensed Operations, Artificial Intelligence, and 5G Radio Access Network Technology. The meeting will be conducted entirely in electronic format and is open to the public.

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Robocalls

- Comments were filed on May 15, 2020, on the [FNPRM](#) on additional measures to combat illegal spoofing, including further implementation of the TRACED Act. [NTCA](#) recommended the Commission adopt simple, default IP interconnection rules to enable RLECs to adopt STIR/SHAKEN while maintaining affordable and quality voice service. The [Montana Telecommunications Association](#) asserted any requirement to install STIR/SHAKEN is premature without a 100% end-to-end IP call path, and urged the Commission to delay the deadline for MTA members and other small and rural carriers to adopt STIR/SHAKEN. [Comcast](#) urged the Commission to promote the adoption of STIR/SHAKEN as the universal standard for end-to-end authentication, and to implement Comcast's suggestions on policies to facilitate the IP transition and extending implementation obligations to intermediate providers. Replies are due May 29, 2020. [all comments available](#)
- Comcast [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau staff on May 8, 2020, to discuss the [NPRM](#) on combating illegal call spoofing and implementation of the TRACED Act. Comcast expressed concern with out-of-band STIR, the need to encourage enterprise solutions that promote end-to-end trust, and the importance of intermediate providers to implement STIR/SHAKEN.
- Intrado filed a [letter](#) on May 13, 2020, to discuss the TRACED Act and 8YY access reform. It expressed support for the USTelecom Industry Traceback Group to conduct efforts to trace back the origin of unwanted calls and said USTelecom's ITG as the single registered consortium will allow the efforts of the ITG to continue to facilitate industry cooperation and eliminate these calls. Intrado also asserted USTelecom's [proposal](#) for 8YY access reform is only beneficial to its members, not other industry participants or customers or consumers.

Other Universal Service Programs

- Sens. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Angus S. King, Jr. (I-Maine), and John Boozman (R-Ark.) sent a [letter](#) to Sens. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), and Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Reps. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) on May 8, 2020, to urge them to include \$2 billion for the rural health care fund in the next coronavirus relief package to help health care providers expand telehealth services by improving their access to broadband. [press release](#)

- The FCC [announced](#) on May 13, 2020, it has approved a sixth set of COVID-19 telehealth program applications in the amount of \$8.36 million for providers in Texas, New York, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Arkansas, Kansas, Mississippi, Florida, California, Alabama, Utah, Arizona, Massachusetts, Connecticut, West Virginia and Washington.
- The FCC issued a [public notice](#) on May 13, 2020, releasing a more detailed version of its October 2018 [notice of apparent liability](#) against American Broadband, for violations of the Lifeline program rules. The FCC said the original NAL was heavily redacted due to American Broadband's request for confidentiality of the materials it submitted during the investigation, but in April 2020, the FCC [affirmed](#) its decision that details of the NAL should be made public, and is now releasing a less redacted version of the NAL.
- Reply comments were filed on May 13, 2020, on an emergency [request](#) filed by the PR-USVI Fund Coalition seeking a waiver of rules regarding the bank commitment letter and letter of credit requirements for applicants participating in the Stage 2 fixed competitive process of the PR USVI Fund. The [Telecommunications Regulatory Board of Puerto Rico](#) supported the petition and asserted it balances the needs of properly administrating the PR USVI Fund and addressing the specific circumstances exist in Puerto Rico. The [PR-USVI Fund Coalition](#) asserted most comments support its request and the Commission's [decision](#) in the RDOF proceeding to reduce the value of the letter of credit is precedent for the Commission to grant the petition. [public notice](#)
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on May 13, 2020, announcing the establishment of a matching computer program the FCC and USAC will conduct with agencies from Nevada to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the Lifeline program. Comments are due on June 12, 2020. This program will begin on June 12, 2020, unless written comments are received that require a contrary determination, and will conclude on December 13, 2021.
- Comments are due May 18, 2020, on proposed revisions to the annual and quarterly telecommunications reporting worksheets (FCC Forms 499-A and 499-Q), and accompanying instructions, to be used in 2021 to report 2020 revenues. [public notice](#)

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Misc.

- The FCC adopted items listed on its May 13, 2020 Open Meeting [agenda](#). The items were adopted prior to the meeting and include: a [report and order](#) that realigns the 900 MHz band to create a new six megahertz broadband segment to support the growing technological needs of the nation's industries, while reserving the remaining four megahertz of the band for narrowband operations; a [second report and order and report and order that](#) addresses rules to facilitate the deployment of geostationary-satellite orbit and non-geostationary-orbit fixed-satellite service earth stations that operate while in motion; a [report and order](#) that modernizes and simplifies the written and on-air public notices broadcasters must provide upon the filing of certain applications; and a [report and order and NPRM](#) that levels the playing field between domestic and foreign licensed space stations by assessing a regulatory fee on non-U.S. licensed space stations with United States market access, and initiates the Commission's annual regulatory fee proceeding.
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on May 13, 2020, seeking Paperwork Reduction Act comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with the 2017 [business data services order](#). Among other things, the order: repealed section 1.774, which set forth requirements for pricing flexibility applications; added section 1.776, which limits the circumstances under which price cap LECs must file their BDS contracts as contract-based tariffs; and amended section 69.701 of its rules to specify that its pricing flexibility rules no longer apply to BDS. PRA comments are due July 13, 2020.
- President Trump [announced](#) on May 13, 2020, an extension of one year of the May 2019 [executive order](#) prohibiting any transactions involving information and communications technology or services

designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of a foreign adversary. Trump said this threat continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

- The International Bureau sent a [letter](#) to China Telecom on May 14, 2020, to respond to its [request for clarification](#) of the [order to show cause](#) directing it to explain why the Commission should not start the process of revoking its domestic and international section 214 authorizations. The Bureau narrowed the scope of the request on describing and listing of CTA's customers. The Bureau also granted CTA's request for an extension of time to respond to the order until June 8, 2020.
- China Telecom sent a [letter](#) to the Chiefs of the Wireline Competition, International and Enforcement Bureaus on May 11, 2020, to respond to the International Bureau's [letter](#) that directed CTA to file its request for clarification of their [order](#) directing it to explain why the Commission should not start the process of revoking its domestic and international section 214 authorizations.
- China Unicom sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai and the FCC Commissioners on May 11, 2020, to discuss the [order](#) directing it to explain why the Commission should not start the process of revoking its domestic and international section 214 authorizations. CUA asserted it complies with all laws and regulations in jurisdictions that it operates in and that it will fully cooperate with the Commission to address all concerns in the order.
- China Unicom filed a [motion](#) on May 14, 2020, for a 30-day extension of time to respond to the [order to show cause](#) directing it to explain why the Commission should not start the process of revoking its domestic and international section 214 authorizations. China Unicom claimed some of the information requested is broad in scope and detail, and that it needs additional time to be able to respond.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [public notice](#) on May 12, 2020, seeking comment on an application filed by William Douglas DeVore and BHT Investments, requesting consent to transfer control of Bush-Tell from Mr. DeVore to BHTI. Comments are due May 26, 2020; reply comments are due June 2, 2020.
- The FCC issued a [report and order and NPRM](#) on May 13, 2020, which levels the playing field between domestic and foreign licensed space stations by assessing a regulatory fee on non-U.S. licensed space stations with United States market access, and initiates the Commission's annual regulatory fee proceeding for fiscal year 2020. The NPRM proposes to collect \$339,000,000 in regulatory fees for FY 2020. Comments are due June 12, 2020; reply comments are due June 29, 2020.

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Upcoming Filing Dates

- May 19 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with certain Part 54 ETC designation requirements. [FR](#)
- May 19 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with supply chains. [FR](#)
- May 19 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with price cap pricing flexibility. [FR](#)
- May 20 - Comments due on the applicability of section 4 of the Secure Networks Act to the Commission's rulemaking on protecting against national security threats to the communications supply. Replies are due June 4, 2020. [public notice FR](#)

- May 20 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved information collection on FCC Form 183, the application to participate in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction. [notice](#)
- May 20 - Replies due on a [petition](#) seeking a study area waiver on the transfer of the Browning, Montana exchange from 3 Rivers to SiyCom, and on SiyCom's [petition](#) seeking ETC designation in the Browning, Montana exchange. [public notice](#)
- May 20 - Replies due on refreshing the record in the Restoring Internet Freedom and Lifeline proceedings. The Bureau seeks comment on how changes adopted in the RIF [order](#) might affect: public safety; the regulation of pole attachments in states subject to federal regulation; and the Lifeline program. [public notice](#), [order](#)
- May 22 - Deadline for ETCs to report on the extent to which their networks contain or use potentially prohibited equipment or services provided by Huawei or ZTE and the costs associated with removing such equipment and replacing it with equivalent equipment. [public notice](#), [order](#)
- May 26 - Replies due to oppositions to petitions for reconsideration of the RDOF [report and order](#) filed by the [Vermont Department of Public Service](#), the [Illinois Office of Broadband](#), and [Premier Communications](#). [public notice](#) | [FR](#)
- May 26 - Comments due on an application filed by William Douglas DeVore and BHT Investments, requesting consent to transfer control of Bush-Tell from Mr. DeVore to BHTI. Reply comments are due June 2, 2020. [public notice](#)
- May 28 - Replies due on the state of competition in the communications marketplace for its second communications marketplace report. [public notice](#), [public notice](#)
- May 29 - Replies due on the [FNPRM](#) on additional measures to combat illegal spoofing, including further implementation of the TRACED Act.
- May 29 - PRA comments due on a new information collection associated with the [report and order](#) that created a comprehensive database to enable callers to verify whether a telephone number has been disconnected before calling that number. [notice](#)
- May 29 - PRA comments due on a revision to a currently approved information collection associated with FCC Forms 481, 497, 555, 5629, 5630 and 5631, as a result of the November 2019 Lifeline [order](#). [notice](#)
- June 2 - PRA comments due on extension of a currently approved collection on the FCC's Electronic Tariff Filing System. [notice](#)
- June 2 - Replies due on an application filed by William Douglas DeVore and BHT Investments, requesting consent to transfer control of Bush-Tell from Mr. DeVore to BHTI. [public notice](#)
- June 2 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved collection on FCC Form 683, application for CAF Phase II and RDOF auction support. [notice](#)
- June 4 - Replies due on the applicability of section 4 of the Secure Networks Act to the Commission's rulemaking on protecting against national security threats to the communications supply chain. [public notice](#) [FR](#)
- June 5 - Comments due on letters of intent on traceback consortium. [public notice](#)
- June 8 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection on FCC Form 5625, which is used for the CAF Phase II auction in New York. [notice](#)

- June 8 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved information collection on tariff review plans. ILECs file TRPs to support revisions to the rates in their interstate access service tariffs. [notice](#)
- June 12 - Comments due on the [NPRM](#) proposing to collect \$339,000,000 in regulatory fees for FY 2020. Reply comments are due June 29, 2020.
- June 12 - Comments due on the establishment of a matching computer program the FCC and USAC will conduct with agencies from Nevada to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the Lifeline program. [notice](#)
- June 12 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with rate-of-return carrier universal service reporting requirements filed on FCC Forms 507, 508 and 509. [notice](#)
- June 12 – PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with high-cost universal service support filed on FCC Form 481. [notice](#)
- June 29 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) proposing to collect \$339,000,000 in regulatory fees for FY 2020.
- July 13 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with the 2017 [business data services order](#). [notice](#)

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