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The Report and Order and FNPRM on CAF Phase II auction procedures sets key requirements for successful bids in the CAF auction, including: four technology-neutral service standards, with bidder flexibility to designate either low or high latency for each; a $215 million annual budget; and a framework for a Remote Areas Fund auction. The FNPRM seeks comment on specific procedures that will apply in the CAF Phase II auction. Comments due 30 days after Federal Register publication; replies due 45 days after FR.

NTCA, WTA, Madison Telephone, Custer Telephone, et al., and Baraga Telephone filed Petitions for Reconsideration of the March 2016 RoR USF Reform Order.

The FCC seeks PRA comments on new information collections to address the requirements adopted in the RoR USF Reform Order. PRA comments due July 26.

NTCA discussed concerns related to implementation and interpretation of the RoR USF Reform Order.

AT&T discussed wireless provisions contained in the proposed Alaska Plan. Alaska Communications responded to letters filed by ATA and GCI proposing performance standards for Alaska’s RoR LECs and CETCs in exchange for CAF support. GCI and the Brattle Group discussed their Modified Alaska Mobile Broadband Cost Model.

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The April 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order is effective June 23, 2016, except for those sections containing information collection requirements that require OMB approval.

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NECA discussed its and SIC’s comments to refresh the record on SIC’s 2010 Petition for Reconsideration of the 2010 Declaratory Ruling on SIC’s cable network lease costs, AT&T’s 2010 Application for Review, and NECA’s 2015 Petition for Clarification and/or Declaratory Ruling.

The House Appropriations Committee released the fiscal year 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill, which prohibits the FCC from implementing the net neutrality Order until certain court cases are resolved and from regulating broadband rates, among other things.
USF Reform

The FCC issued the Report and Order and FNPRM on the CAF Phase II auction procedures on May 26, 2016, which was adopted at its May 25, 2016 Open Meeting. The Order sets key requirements for successful bids in the CAF auction, including: four technology-neutral service standards, with bidder flexibility to designate either low or high latency for each; a $215 million annual budget; network build-out requirements; an application process for auction participants; reporting requirements; and a framework for a Remote Areas Fund auction to address those areas that receive no winning bids in this auction. The accompanying FNPRM seeks comment on specific procedures that will apply in the CAF Phase II auction. Comments are due 30 days after Federal Register publication; replies due 45 days after FR. News Release

The FCC published a Notice in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016, seeking PRA comments on new information collections to address the requirements adopted in the March 2016 RoR USF Reform Order. These include the requirement that carriers electing model-based support must notify the Commission of that election and their commitment to satisfy the specific service obligations associated with the amount of model support and, for RLECs not adopting model-based support, an operating expense limitation, a capital investment allowance, and broadband deployment obligations. This information collection addresses the new burdens associated with those reforms. PRA comments due July 26.

Petitions for Reconsideration of the March 2016 RoR USF Reform Order were filed on May 25, 2016. NTCA requested the Commission reconsider a number of issues, including: the high-cost USF budget as enforced by the new budget control or, alternatively, suspend the requirement for RLECs to certify they are providing standalone broadband services at reasonably comparable rates; the denial of recovery of regulated costs via either an interstate regulated rate element or USF support; each RLEC’s responsibility for the consequences of its consideration of a potential election of model-based support; the extent to which voice obligations continue in areas where USF support is no longer provided; and the evidentiary process to establish the offering of services by an “unsubsidized competitor.” WTA seeks reconsideration/clarification in four areas: requirements for qualification as an “unsubsidized competitor”; rules regarding the treatment of transactions after the A-CAM and rate-of-return paths are implemented; the build-out obligations; and the benchmark and budgetary controls, as they render it unlikely that retail broadband rates can comply with reasonably comparability ceilings. Petitions also filed by Madison Telephone, Custer Telephone Coop et al., and Baraga Telephone Company.

Congressman Richard Neal (D-Mass.) sent a letter to Chairman Wheeler on May 25, 2016, to urge the Commission to adopt rules for the CAF auction that will complement the efforts of States like Massachusetts that have committed State funds to extending broadband. He suggested the FCC should: give special consideration to bids that are associated with existing BTOP programs or supported by parallel State grant programs; seek to increase the pool of potentially qualified bidders by adopting less stringent audit requirements for ETCs that are supported by an existing State grant; and in the event no successful bidder emerges for Massachusetts, commit to keeping the dollars allocated to the communities for which they are intended.

NTCA met with Legal Advisors to Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners Clyburn and O’Rielly and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on May 23, 2016, to discuss concerns related to implementation and interpretation of the March 2016 RoR USF Reform Order. NTCA indicated it identified specific issues raised by the Order upon which it intended to seek reconsideration and/or clarification.

AT&T spoke with staff from the Wireline Competition and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus on May 20, 2016, to discuss wireless provisions contained in the proposed Alaska Plan, which the Alaska Telephone Association filed with the Commission on March 21, 2016. AT&T discussed comments it previously filed at the Commission in response to several Mobility Fund Phase II proposals.
• Alaska Communications filed a redacted letter on May 24, 2016, to respond to letters filed by ATA and GCI proposing performance standards for Alaska’s RoR LECs and CETCs in exchange for CAF support. ACS claimed while ATA members now provide more information about their broadband deployment plans than they previously have done, their proposed commitments remain inadequate to meet the requirements of the Communications Act. ACS identified three areas where safeguards are needed to ensure that support is used for the purpose for which it is intended.

• GCI and the Brattle Group had a phone conversation with Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff on May 25, 2016, to discuss their Modified Alaska Mobile Broadband Cost Model with regard to marginal revenue calculations, penetration rates, estimates of the number of new mobile sites required in unserved areas, and coverage calculation methodologies.

• GCI and The Brattle Group met with Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff on May 24, 2016, to review the cost model prepared by The Brattle Group that GCI filed on May 10, 2016. They said this is not a GCI-specific model, but rather estimates the incremental cost to provide LTE in all populated areas of remote Alaska not already served by AT&T or Verizon Wireless LTE. They discussed some of the specific elements of the model, including the subscription rate, the expected data usage rate, spectral efficiency of satellite transmission, satellite capacity provisioning, capital expenditures to connect to existing backhaul, marginal revenues, and the locations of existing towers.

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Broadband

• Comments were filed on May 27, 2016, on the NPRM on establishing privacy regulations for broadband ISPs to implement section 222 of the Communications Act. NTCA said the FCC should reject proposals to create new sets of so-called “customer proprietary information” that are not contemplated by the relevant statute. WTA said the FCC should not impose any requirements regarding customer disclosure and solicitation of customer approvals on carriers with 100,000 or fewer customers and providers that do not engage in the use of CPNI for marketing purposes or for sale to third parties. WTA also said the FCC must refrain from adopting “one-size-fits-all” policies or micromanaging the practices of telecommunications providers. ITTA said the FCC should not adopt the proposed rules, but instead craft fair, focused, and technology-neutral rules and policies that are consistent with the longstanding FTC privacy policies and framework that have been successfully applied to all other American businesses. Link to all comments available to date. Replies are due June 27. News Release

• Public Knowledge met with Commissioner Rosenworcel’s Senior Legal Advisor on May 24, 2016, to discuss its concern with the proposed “implied consent” category of customer information in the NPRM on establishing privacy regulations for broadband ISPs. PK claimed this proposal is in direct conflict with section 222(c) of the Act, which requires the approval of the customer before a telecommunications carrier can use the customer’s CPNI for anything other than “(A) the telecommunications service from which such information is derived, or (B) services necessary to, or used in, the provision of such telecommunications service, including the publishing of directories.” Public Knowledge expressed support for an opt-in approach to the use of CPNI for marketing BIAS offerings.

Open Internet

• The House Appropriations Committee released the fiscal year 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill on May 24, 2016, which contains $315 million for the FCC, a cut of $69 million below fiscal year 2016 and $43 million below the request. The legislation prohibits the FCC from implementing the net neutrality Order until certain court cases are resolved, requires newly proposed regulations to be made publicly available for 21 days before the Commission votes on them, prohibits
the FCC from regulating broadband rates, and requires the FCC to refrain from further activity of the recently proposed set-top box rule until a study is completed. The bill will be considered on May 25, 2016, by the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee.

- The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation released a report on May 23, 2016, entitled “Mobile Zero Rating: The Economics and Innovation Behind Free Data.” The ITIF asserted that zero-rating products, which allow consumers to access certain Internet content and services without it counting against their monthly data plans, are unlikely to harm the open Internet, and said they are a sign of healthy product differentiation that more efficiently allocates scarce resources in a competitive market, ultimately improving consumer value. The ITIF said zero rating can help bridge the digital divide in developing countries by lowering the cost of access to basic communication services and information for individuals, as with Wikipedia Zero or Facebook’s Free Basics program. The ITIF said the FCC, along with other regulators around the world, should make it clear they believe nonexclusive zero-rating programs are in the public interest.

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- The FCC published the Lifeline Modernization Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration in the Federal Register on May 24, 2016. The Order is effective June 23, 2016, except for sections 54.101, 54.202(a)(6), (d), and (e), 54.205(c), 54.401(a)(2), (b), (c), and (f), 54.403(a), 54.405(e)(1) and (e)(3) through (5), 54.407(a), (c)(2), and (d), 54.408, 54.409(a)(2), 54.410(b) through (h), 54.411, 54.416(a)(3), 54.420(b), and 54.422(b)(3) which contain information collection requirements that are not effective until approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

- House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-Mich.) announced on May 26, 2016, that he is launching an investigation into waste, fraud, and abuse in the Universal Service Lifeline program. Chairman Upton said in light of the FCC’s recent Notice of Apparent Liability issued to Total Call Mobile for enrolling duplicate and ineligible consumers in the Lifeline program and a letter from Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-Kan.) to Chairman Upton urging an investigation, he instructed Committee staff to begin an investigation of the Lifeline program. Press release

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on May 23, 2016, seeking comment on Mutual Telephone Company of Sioux Center, Iowa, d/b/a Premier Communications, and Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association’s Petition 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. Comments are due June 22; replies due July 7.

- Innovative Telephone met separately with Legal Advisors to Commissioners O’Rielly and Rosenworcel on May 23, 2016, to discuss its Application for Review of the Order denying its Petition for a Waiver of NECA’s rolling 24-month adjustment period. Innovative asserted that granting its request would ensure that the company’s high cost loop support for 2011 and CAF frozen support would be calculated based on accurate loop count data. Innovative also said if granted, the waiver request would result in $565,860 in increased high cost support in 2011 and annual frozen CAF support. Innovative also said the Commission should direct USAC to recalculate its baseline support amount based on accurate loop counts for November and December 2011, which would result in $113,172 in increased annual frozen CAF support.

- Boost Mobile and Sprint spoke with Wireline Competition Bureau staff on May 25, 2016, to discuss Boost’s pending ETC designation request to provide Lifeline service. Boost said approving the Petition would promote competition and broaden customer choice in the Lifeline program, and said there are potential ambiguities in the new Lifeline modernization rules which may require that the Commission issue clarifying guidance.
• MAXIMUS and McGuireWoods Consulting met with Consumer and Governmental Affairs staff on May 24, 2016, to discuss Lifeline reform and MAXIMUS' support for the third party national independent verifier. MAXIMUS also shared its experience as an enrollment and eligibility administrator for Medicaid and CHIP.

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Misc.

• At its May 25, 2016 Open Meeting, the FCC adopted a Report and Order and FNPRM on implementing a competitive bidding process for CAF Phase II support, a Report and Order and FNPRM to update its Part 4 communications network outage reporting requirements, and an NPRM to eliminate the requirement that commercial broadcast stations retain copies of letters and emails from the public and the requirement that cable operators reveal the location of the cable system’s principal headend. The FCC deleted from the agenda 6 media and enforcement-related consent agenda items.

• The FCC issued a Public Notice on May 24, 2016, on the recent delays in posting comments submitted through ECFS due to a surge in the volume of comments received in some proceedings. The FCC said this ECFS issue does not affect any interested party's ability to file comments, and it appears that the vast majority of comments have been, and will continue to be, entered into ECFS promptly enough to enable the preparation of complete reply comments by the scheduled due dates. The FCC said to the extent that interested parties wish to inform the Commission of their view of any comments that were subject to delays in posting, they may file supplemental comments, and it therefore does not find it necessary to grant a broad extension of comment deadlines in pending rulemaking proceedings.

• NECA spoke with Wireline Competition Bureau staff on May 25, 2016, to discuss the comments and replies filed by Sandwich Isles Communications to refresh the record on Sandwich Isles’ October 2010 Petition for Reconsideration of the 2010 Declaratory Ruling on Sandwich Isles’ cable network lease costs, AT&T’s October 2010 Application for Review, and NECA’s February 2015 Petition for Clarification and/or Declaratory Ruling. NECA also discussed its own comments and reply comments.

• The FCC issued a Public Notice on May 24, 2016, on the process for carriers to obtain access to confidential information provided with 2016 annual access charge tariff filings in support of a carrier’s tariff review plan. The FCC said carriers should use the Protective Order contained in the 1997 Tariff Streamlining Order for purposes of obtaining access to confidential information filed in this year’s annual access charge tariff filing. The FCC attached the Protective Order and Declaration to this Public Notice.

• The D.C. Circuit issued an Order on May 24, 2016, remanding back to the FCC its March 18, 2015 Order that determined Great Lakes Comnet did not qualify for the “rural exemption,” finding the Commission failed to adequately explain its conclusion. The Court said the FCC’s first reason is erroneous because FCC regulations exclude a carrier from the exemption if it “serve[s] . . . any end users” in an urban area, not if it has “transport facilities” in an urban area. The Court then said the FCC’s second reason—that 8YY calls originate in urban locations—may well have merit, but the use of the word “moreover” leaves it unable to determine whether the Commission believed this rationale was independently sufficient. The FCC’s Order had granted AT&T’s complaint in part, finding that GLC violated the Commission’s rules governing CLEC tariffs for interstate access services and that the tariff therefore was unlawful. GLC and Westphalia Telephone filed a Petition for Review of the FCC Order in March 2015.

• The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an Erratum on May 26, 2016, to the Tariff Investigation Order and FNPRM on business data services. The Erratum made certain changes to the text and footnotes in the FNPRRM and Appendices C and D.
The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on May 27, 2016, listing Acknowledgements of Confidentiality filed by parties seeking access to confidential information filed in the special access data collection proceeding since the May 18, 2016 Public Notice. Parties that submitted confidential information in response to the collection have until June 6, 2016, to object to the disclosure of their data and information to any of the parties listed in the attachment to this Public Notice.

Comments were due May 28, 2016, on a request from the Department of Justice for access to confidential and highly confidential information submitted in the special access proceeding and investigation of the proposed acquisition of XO Communications by Verizon. Public Notice

USTelecom filed comments on May 26, 2016, in support of NCTA’s motion for an extension of time to file comments on the Business Data Services FNPRM. USTelecom asserted NCTA’s motion reflects valid concerns with compressed pleading cycles that seem designed primarily to meet an arbitrary deadline for completing the next phase by the end of the year. USTelecom also said the FCC and commenters need sufficient time to update their prior analyses of the state of competition in the BDS market using this new, expanded data, including an opportunity to update the analyses in and peer reviews of the FCC-commissioned white paper (see App. B of FNPRM).

Sprint filed a letter on May 26, 2016, providing its Ethernet pricing model that it said estimates prices at which an incumbent provider could profitably supply fiber-based BDS at capacities of 50 Mbps to 1 Gbps in dense urban, suburban, and rural areas. Sprint asserted the model was developed to estimate a monthly price that reflects the recurring and non-recurring costs an incumbent carrier would incur to perform the specific services it offered to provide Sprint. Sprint also asserted the results of the model clearly establish that competition is not adequately disciplining incumbent prices for Ethernet-based BDS at and above 50 Mbps, and illustrates how the broken marketplace for BDS diminishes wireless competition.

Inteliquent met with Chairman Wheeler’s Chief of Staff and Legal Advisor, Commissioners O’Rielly, Pai and Rosenworcel and their Legal Advisors, and Commissioner Clyburn’s Legal Advisor on May 20, 2016, to discuss business data services, IP transition, and intercarrier compensation/call completion. Inteliquent said the Commission should address discrete issues in its Business Data Services proceeding in addition to last mile issues, and claimed there are monthly fees charged for certain network elements that demonstrate the market is still not fully competitive. Inteliquent also addressed its experience in the market since implementation of the Rural Call Completion Order.

AT&T met separately with Commissioners O’Rielly, Pai and Rosenworcel and their Legal Advisors on May 20, 2016, to discuss broadband privacy, multi video programming distribution services, special access and spectrum issues.

PwC, the LNPA Transition Oversight Manager, and the NAPM met with Commissioner Rosenworcel’s Legal Advisor on May 24, 2016, to urge the FCC to promptly approve the Master Services Agreement between the NAPM and Telcordia and deny Neustar’s Application for Review of the Wireline Competition Bureau’s March 31, 2016 Second Protective Order.

iconectiv filed a letter on May 23, 2016, to respond to the letter filed by the Wireless Future Program at New America’s Open Technology Institute and the LNP Alliance that provided recommended changes to the Master Service Agreement on the LNP Administrator transition. iconectiv claimed the MSA fully complies with the terms of the Selection Order, and its provisions on neutrality and security are significantly more stringent than the existing MSA between NAPM and the incumbent. iconectiv said the Commission should expeditiously approve the MSA.

Telcordia filed a letter on May 26, 2016, to respond to Neustar’s March 17, 2016 letter on seeking written assurance from the Commission that transferring competitively sensitive NPAC user data to iconectiv is permissible in support of the transition to a new LNP Administrator. Telcordia asserted that sharing the data with Telcordia would not in any way affect Neustar’s compliance with the Commission’s neutrality regulation, which prohibits Neustar from having certain affiliations with a telecommunications services provider or from being subject to undue influence by an entity with an
interest in numbering administration. Telcordia said there are already adequate safeguards in place to ensure that Telcordia handles any data exchanged during the transition in a confidential, secure, and neutral manner.

- Neustar spoke with staff from the Wireline Competition Bureau, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, and the General Counsel’s Office on May 24, 2016, to discuss Neustar’s March 17, 2016 letter on seeking written assurance from the Commission that transferring competitively sensitive NPAC user data to iconectiv is permissible in support of the transition to a new LNP Administrator. Neustar expressed its concern that its participation in the data transfer could violate its longstanding neutrality obligations as the LNPA, North American Numbering Plan Administrator, and Pooling Administrator because, according to Neustar, iconectiv is not currently neutral.

- To date, no comments were filed on AT&T’s application to obtain North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators for its iVoIP service. Public Notice

- The FCC released the Report and Order and FNPRM on updating its Part 4 communications network outage reporting requirements that was adopted at its May 25, 2016 Open Meeting. Comments are due 45 days after Federal Register; replies due 60 days after FR.

- The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau issued a Public Notice on May 23, 2016, seeking comments to inform the preparation of the biennial report required by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010. The report will assess the level of compliance with Congressional mandates that telecommunications and advanced communications services and equipment be accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, the effect of related recordkeeping and enforcement requirements, and the extent to which accessibility barriers still exist with respect to new communications technologies. Comments are due June 22.

Upcoming Filing Dates

- 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

- June 1 - Comments due on whether certain docketed Commission proceedings should be terminated as dormant. Replies due June 16. Federal Register | Public Notice

- June 1 - Comments due on a joint petition filed by BPS Telephone and AT&T for a study area waiver. Replies due June 16 Public Notice

- June 3 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection in section 69.605, Reporting and Distribution of Pool Access Revenues. Notice

- June 3 - Comments due on a petition filed 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. Replies due June 17. Public Notice

- June 10 - PRA comments due on a revision to a currently approved collection associated with FCC Forms 472 (billed entity applicant reimbursement form), 473 (E-rate service provider annual certification form), and 474 (service provider invoice form). Notice

- June 10 - The FCC published a in the Federal Register on May 11, 2016, seeking PRA comments on previously approved recordkeeping requirements imposed on ILECs that offer international,
interexchange services to maintain books of account separate from such ILEC’s local exchange and other activities. Notice

- June 13 - Replies due on the FNPRM attached to the March 30, 2016 Rate-of-Return USF Reform Order, The FNPRM seeks comments on proposed rule changes to the FCC’s accounting and affiliate transaction rules for ratemaking and USF support purposes “to eliminate inefficiencies and provide guidance to rate-of-return carriers regarding the FCC’s expectations for appropriate expenditures.” FR

- 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

- June 16 - Replies due on whether certain docketed Commission proceedings should be terminated as dormant. Federal Register | Public Notice

- June 16 - Replies due on a joint petition filed by BPS Telephone and AT&T for a study area waiver. Public Notice

- June 17 - Replies due on a petition filed 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. Public Notice

- June 20 - Comments due on NECA 2016 Further Modification of the Average Schedule Universal Service High Cost Loop Support Formula. Public Notice

- June 20 - PRA comments due on the proposed information collection requirement in the NPRM on establishing privacy regulations for broadband ISPs to implement section 222 of the Communications Act. FR

- June 20 - Comments due on NPRM on FY 2016 Regulatory Fees. Replies due July 5.

- June 22 - Comments due on the preparation of the biennial report required by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010. Public Notice

- June 22 - Comments due on Premier Communications and Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association’s Petition for waiver of the study area boundary freeze. Replies due July 7. Public Notice

- June 24 - Petitions for court review due on the RoR USF Reform Order.

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

- 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.

- July 5 - Replies due on NPRM on FY 2016 Regulatory Fees.

- July 7 - Replies due on Premier Communications and Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association’s Petition for waiver of the study area boundary freeze. Public Notice
• July 11 - PRA comments due on a revision to a currently approved collection associated with FCC Forms 497 (Lifeline and Linkup worksheet), 555 (Annual Lifeline ETC Certification Form), and 481 (Carrier Annual Report Data Collection Form). Notice

• July 18 - PRA comments due on an extension to a currently approved collection associated with Part 52 rules on telephone number portability. Notice

• July 18 - PRA comments due on an extension to a currently approved collection associated with Part 61 on tariff review plans. Notice

• July 26 - Replies 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.

• July 26 - PRA comments due on new information collections to address the requirements adopted in the March 2016 RoR USF Reform Order. This information collection addresses the new burdens associated with those reforms. Notice