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July 16, 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- The FCC adopted six items at its July 12, 2018 Open Meeting, including: a Report and Order that forbears from interexchange dialing parity requirements and amends the N-1 rule to facilitate the move toward complete nationwide number portability; and a Report and Order that consolidates and streamlines the rules governing formal complaint proceedings delegated to the Enforcement Bureau.

- The FCC issued a tentative agenda for its August 2, 2018 Open Meeting. The FCC will consider six items, including: a Report and Order that will allow one-touch make-ready for most pole attachments and further reform the pole attachment process; a Declaratory Ruling that will conclude that section 253(a) prohibits state and local moratoria on telecommunications facilities deployment; and a Notice of Inquiry on creating a USF pilot program to promote the use of telehealth services among low-income Americans.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau denied petitions for waiver of the deadline for submission of audited financial statements in connection with the annual FCC Form 481 reporting requirements. The petitions were filed by Oxford County Telephone and Oxford West Telephone Companies, Cherokee Telephone Company, and Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice to remind participants in the CAF Phase II auction about the process for obtaining designation as an ETC by the FCC where a state lacks jurisdiction to do so.

- The FCC’s Auctions and Spectrum Access Division granted the Missouri Farm Bureau’s Petition for Waiver, permitting the Bureau to participate in the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process.

- NTCA and the Rural Wireless Association filed oppositions to Verizon’s Application for Review of the April 30, 2018 Order on Reconsideration that determined the Mobility Fund II challenge process would use a 400-meter buffer radius to assess challenges to areas initially deemed ineligible for MF-II support.

- Golden West Telecommunications and NTCA discussed concerns with the high-cost USF budget, and said the record demonstrates support for NTCA’s proposed solutions for these concerns.

- NTCA filed reply comments supporting two of the Petitions for Reconsideration of the March 2018 RoR USF Reform Order filed by Clarity Telecom and Grand River Mutual.

- GVNW said maintaining adequate and sufficient USF funding is required for implementation of all the FCC’s USF initiatives. GVNW also expressed support for targeted efforts to eliminate access arbitrage and other abuses of the ICC system.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau announced the deadline to file Form 477 data as of June 30, 2018, is September 4, 2018.

- Reply comments were filed on the Robocalls FNPRM.

- The Commission placed an item on circulation July 11, 2018, entitled Iowa Network Access Division Tariff F.C.C. No. 1.

Other Key Upcoming Dates

- July 20 - Comments due on the access stimulation NPRM. Replies are due August 3, 2018.
- July 20 - Comments due on an FCC staff report on robocalling. Replies are due August 20, 2018. Public Notice

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USF Reform

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an Order on July 13, 2018, denying the petitions for waiver of the deadline for submitting audited financial statements in connection with the annual FCC Form 481 reporting requirement filed by Oxford County Telephone and Oxford West Telephone Companies, Cherokee Telephone Company, and Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. On its own motion, however, it granted a limited waiver of the rules such that no support will be recovered from the petitioners in this instance, but clarified the Bureau does not intend to grant similar petitions for waiver going forward. The Bureau also indicated the petitioners listed in Appendix B that have not yet filed the required financial information must come into compliance within 120 days of the date of this Order; if they do not, the Bureau directed USAC to reduce support pursuant to section 54.313(j).

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on July 10, 2018, to remind participants in the CAF Phase II auction (Auction 903) about the process for obtaining designation as an ETC by the FCC where a state lacks jurisdiction to do so. It explained successful bidders must submit proof of their ETC designation in all supported areas within 180 days of the Commission’s announcement of their winning bids. The Notice summarizes and, where necessary, waives, the FCC’s ETC designation process for winning bidders.

- NTCA filed reply comments on July 9, 2018, supporting two of the Petitions for Reconsideration of the March 2018 RoR USF Reform Order filed by Clarity Telecom, Hamilton County Telephone Co-op, and Grand River Mutual Telephone. NTCA noted Clarity and Grand River Mutual seek to obtain additional A-CAM support by correcting inadvertent clerical errors associated with the filing of Form 477 reports in June 2015 that resulted in support being denied for a portion of the relevant study areas and no oppositions to the Petitions were filed. NTCA supported the grant of these Petitions as part of efforts by the Commission to finalize reforms and address budgetary concerns with respect to high-cost USF support received by small RLECs.

- NTCA filed a letter on July 13, 2018, to encourage the FCC to grant Hamilton County Telephone’s Petition for Reconsideration, which seeks to obtain additional A-CAM support in light of overstated broadband service coverage claimed by a purported competitor as reflected in the model. NTCA noted Hamilton recounted the evidence it provided in 2016 to demonstrate the claimed coverage was not real, and noted the competitor in question subsequently filed reports indicating far less coverage than initially asserted. NTCA said no oppositions were filed, and said it supports the grant of this Petition as part of broader efforts by the Commission to finalize reforms and address budgetary concerns with respect to high-cost USF support received by small RLECs.

- Cambridge Telephone, Ducor Telephone, Volcano Telephone, Direct Communications, the VTX1 Companies, and WTA met with Advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioners Rosenworcel and Carr, and Commissioner O’Rielly and his Chief of Staff on July 10, 2018, to emphasize the critical need for a substantial increase in the outdated 2011 budget for high-cost support for RoR carriers. WTA reiterated its support for full funding of both the A-CAM mechanism and the cost-based RoR mechanisms, and said to the extent a minimum threshold of support for cost-based RLECs is warranted, it proposed one consisting of 90 percent of the moving three-year average of each carrier’s unconstrained HCLS and CAF BLS. WTA also expressed support for a second A-CAM glidepath offer, and reiterated its recommendation that consideration of any broader second A-CAM offer be postponed until the impacts of budgetary revisions for existing A-CAM and cost-based RoR RLECs, and of a second A-CAM glidepath offer, can be determined.

- TDS, Consolidated Companies of Nebraska, Great Plains Communications, Hargray Communications, and ITTA met with Commissioner Rosenworcel’s Advisor on July 10, 2018, to urge the Commission to fully fund separate budgets for the A-CAM program and legacy support mechanisms. They also discussed how, once the Commission has provided current A-CAM participants with $200/month per eligible location and fully funded the legacy mechanisms, it should render a second A-CAM offer to all RoR carriers, and suggested the Commission also open the second A-CAM offer to carriers serving census blocks where there is already some fiber deployment in part of the census block, in addition to carriers having deployed 10/1 Mbps to at least 90 percent of their eligible locations.
Golden West Telecommunications and NTCA met separately with Commissioner O’Reilly and Advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioners Rosenworcel and Carr on July 10, 2018, to discuss Golden West’s inability in the face of the insufficient high-cost USF budget to plan for and make investments that would upgrade services for consumers in need of improved broadband access. They said the record demonstrates overwhelming support for NTCA’s proposed solutions for these concerns, including consensus on the amounts necessary to restore greater predictability and sufficiency to the USF programs. NTCA urged the Commission to act promptly in the next several months to put these programs on a path for success for the next decade and beyond.

GVNW met separately with Legal Advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioners Carr and Rosenworcel on July 9, 2018, to state that the vast majority of comments and reply comments argued against instituting reverse auctions into the FCCs’ competitive process. GVNW asserted maintaining adequate and sufficient federal USF funding is required for implementation of all the Commission’s universal service initiatives. GVNW also expressed support for targeted efforts to eliminate access arbitrage and other abuses of the intercarrier compensation system. GVNW also met with Commissioner O’Rielly’s Legal Advisor to discuss similar issues.

The FCC’s Auctions and Spectrum Access Division issued an Order on July 13, 2018, granting the Missouri Farm Bureau’s Petition for Waiver so that it can participate as a challenger in the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process, subject to certain conditions. The FCC instructed USAC to grant access to the challenge process portal to the users identified in MOFB’s Petition for Waiver.

Oppositions were filed on July 13, 2018, to Verizon’s Application for Review of the April 30, 2018 Order on Reconsideration that determined the Mobility Fund II challenge process would use a 400-meter buffer radius to assess challenges to areas initially deemed ineligible for MF-II support. NTCA said the action of the Bureaus was consistent with the existing rules, was well within the scope of delegated authority to carry out those rules, and will improve challenge process data accuracy. It argued the Order should not be vacated. The Rural Wireless Association urged the Commission to retain the buffer radius extension from 250 to 400 meters and not vacate the Order. Replies are due July 23, 2018. Public Notice

Panhandle met with Advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioners Rosenworcel, O’Rielly, and Carr, and Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force staff on July 11, 2018, to discuss the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process. It said like the Rural Wireless Association and a coalition of radio frequency engineering firms, Panhandle is concerned with Verizon’s overstated 4G LTE coverage, and urged the Commission to further investigate and require re-filing of Verizon’s data where warranted to comport with standard RF engineering practices. It highlighted the time and expense it has incurred to develop its challenge.

No replies were filed on Petitions for ETC designation in New York for the purpose of being able to receive CAF support, filed by Hughes Network Systems and OEConnect. Public Notice

DTC Cable filed an Erratum on July 11, 2018, to its Petition seeking ETC designation in New York. DTC said the Erratum corrects Exhibit 1, which listed census blocks awarded by New York State that are eligible to receive CAF Phase II support awarded via the New NY Broadband Program, explaining the Petition inadvertently included census tracts that should not have been part of the Petition.

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The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on July 11, 2018, announcing the deadline to file Form 477 data as of June 30, 2018, is September 4, 2018. The FCC’s Form 477 filing interface is accepting data as of June 30, 2018. The Bureau said service providers that are required to file Form 477 but fail to do so may be subject to enforcement action under sections 502 and 503 of the
Communications Act and any other applicable law. Information on how to file Form 477 is available on the FCC’s Form 477 Resources for Filers webpage.

- Chairman Pai spoke at the 18th Global Symposium for Regulators in Geneva, Switzerland on July 10, 2018. He said when dealing with new technologies, one of the foundational principles for government should be regulatory humility, saying government should resist pre-emptive regulation when there is no market failure or consumer harm. Pai said government should facilitate innovation and investment, and noted the FCC has launched a review to identify regulations that need to be revised or repealed and is cutting regulatory red tape that holds back infrastructure deployment. He also said a key part of the FCC’s approach to emerging technologies is universal access, noting the FCC has reformed its universal service programs to direct billions of dollars in investment to connect unserved communities in the U.S and to do so efficiently.

- The House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology will hold a hearing on July 17, 2018, entitled “Realizing the Benefits of Rural Broadband: Challenges and Solutions.” Witnesses will be announced and the hearing webcast will be available at http://energycommerce.house.gov/

- Communications Banking Group and Co-Bank met with Advisors to Commissioners Rosenworcel, O’Rielly, and Carr, and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on July 10 and 11, 2018, to highlight the economic benefits of broadband to rural communities. They described a telemedicine pilot program in southwest Georgia focused on rural, low-income patients with Type II diabetes that CoBank recently sponsored, saying the initial results are exceeding expectations. CoBank said it will highlight the cost savings of the participating hospital and the improved health of the participating patients at the conclusion of the pilot. They also noted CoBank’s support of the Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act and distributed CoBank’s 2017 Annual Report and Corporate Social Responsibility Report and the press release for the ConnectWell Telemedicine Pilot Program, and attached a Rural-Urban Divide pamphlet

- Frontier and USTelecom met with Wireline Competition Bureau staff on July 9, 2018, to discuss the data Frontier provided to USTelecom in support of USTelecom’s Petition for Forbearance from certain regulatory obligations imposed on ILECs. Frontier discussed, among other things, the capabilities of different types of UNE loops sold by Frontier, and asserted there are no technical, performance, or other real differences between DS1 or DS3 loops that are sold as UNEs and those that are sold as special access or pursuant to other commercial agreements.

- Windstream and USTelecom met with Wireline Competition Bureau staff on July 10, 2018, to discuss USTelecom’s Petition for Forbearance from certain regulatory obligations imposed on ILECs. Windstream discussed its use, with respect to its CLEC business, of analog DS0, digital DS0, DS1 and DS3 UNEs, and said, in general, analog DS0s are used to provide voice services and other services that require resiliency from power outages, such as alarm, elevator and 911 services. Windstream clarified that it does not typically use analog DS0s to provide data services, but it has an embedded base of customers using analog DS0s for data via dial-up modems.

- Uniti Fiber filed a letter on July 13, 2018, to express concerns with USTelecom’s Petition seeking forbearance from certain regulatory obligations placed on ILECs. Uniti asserted a loss of unbundled network elements or a significant increase in the rates it pays for such network inputs would needlessly add additional time, cost, and delay to an already difficult network deployment environment. It also said if granted, the Petition would do nothing to further Commission goals of removing barriers to broadband deployment.

- NCTA, Comcast, and Charter Communications spoke by phone with Wireline Competition Bureau staff on July 10, 2018, to express support for balanced reforms to the Commission’s pole attachment rules that promote new investment in broadband while protecting the safety and reliability of existing networks. They also expressed concern with some of the extreme one-touch make-ready proposals from companies such as Verizon and Google Fiber, and discussed how NCTA’s Accelerated and Safe Access to Poles proposal remedies these concerns.

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- Chairman Pai sent letters to Sens. Jeff Merkley (D- Ore.) and Patrick Toomey (R- Pa.) on July 6, 2018, to respond to their letter expressing concern with fake comments filed in the Restoring Internet Freedom proceeding and fraudulent behavior in the rulemaking process. Pai said the Commission is planning on rebuilding and improving ECFS to institute appropriate safeguards against abusive conduct. Pai said the FCC does not have any information regarding whether any “fake” comments were submitted by foreign governments, nor can it verify the total number of comments that may have originated from bots. Pai noted at least eight million pro-Title II comments were not filed with accurate names and/or addresses.

Universal Service

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on July 11, 2018, seeking comment on Q Link Wireless’ Emergency Petition requesting the FCC issue an order directing USAC to implement application programming interfaces for the Lifeline National Verifier that permit ETCs to exchange information with USAC, including information necessary to establish eligibility, on a machine-to-machine basis when consumers seek to enroll in Lifeline. Comments are due August 10, 2018; replies are due August 27, 2018.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on July 12, 2018, to announce it is opening WC Docket No. 18-213, entitled “Promoting Telehealth for Low-Income Consumers.” The Commission will consider a Notice of Inquiry in this docket at its August 2, 2018 Open Meeting.

- The National Lifeline Association filed a letter on July 12, 2018, to express support for Q Link Wireless’s Petition requesting the FCC issue an Order directing USAC to implement application programming interfaces for the Lifeline National Verifier that permit ETCs to exchange information with USAC, including information necessary to establish eligibility, on a machine-to-machine basis when consumers seek to enroll in Lifeline. NaLA said it supports the Petition because the Commission’s and USAC’s failure to include a service provider API in the National Verifier would have a severely negative impact on all Lifeline service provider business models and eligible low-income Americans.

Misc.

- The FCC released the following items adopted at its July 12, 2018 Open Meeting: a Report and Order that forbears from interexchange dialing parity requirements and amends the N-1 rule to facilitate the move toward complete nationwide number portability; an Order and NPRM that would make mid-band spectrum in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band available for expanded flexible use; a Report and Order eliminating unnecessary rules that apply to cellular service and other licensees; an NPRM seeking comment on proposed revisions to the children’s television programming rules; and a Report and Order and FNPRM to improve emergency alerting, including facilitating more effective EAS tests and preventing false alerts. It also adopted a Report and Order that consolidates and streamlines the rules governing formal complaint proceedings delegated to the Enforcement Bureau which has not been released yet.

- The FCC issued a tentative agenda for its August 2, 2018 Open Meeting. The FCC will consider: a Report and Order that will allow one-touch make-ready for most pole attachments and further reform its pole attachment process, and a Declaratory Ruling that will conclude that section 253(a) prohibits state and local moratoria on telecommunications facilities deployment; a Notice of Inquiry on creating a USF pilot program to promote the use of telehealth services among low-income Americans; a Public Notice establishing application and bidding procedures for auctioning Upper Microwave Flexible Use Licenses in the 28 GHz (Auction 101) and 24 GHz (Auction 102) bands; an FNPRM proposing an auction mechanism that would transition existing spectrum holdings in the 39 GHz band to a new flexible-use
band plan and would offer new licenses for contiguous spectrum in the band; an NPRM and Order to implement Congress’s directive in the Reimbursement Expansion Act that the Commission reimburse certain low power television, television translator, and FM broadcast stations for costs incurred as a result of the Commission’s broadcast television spectrum incentive auction; and a Report and Order establishing the requirements which will govern an incubator program that seeks to promote the entry of new and diverse voices into the broadcast industry.

- Chairman Pai wrote a blog post on July 11, 2018, on items the FCC will consider at its August 2, 2018 Open Meeting.

- The Commission placed an item on circulation July 11, 2018, entitled Iowa Network Access Division Tariff F.C.C. No. 1.

- Commissioner Carr issued a statement on July 11, 2018, to announce the FCC will seek to establish a new $100 million “Connected Care Pilot Program” to support telehealth for low-income Americans, especially those living in rural areas and veterans. He said the Commission will vote on an NOI at its August 2, 2018 Open Meeting that seeks comment on: budgeting $100 million in USF support; targeting support to connected care deployments that would benefit low-income patients; and supporting a limited number of projects over a two- or three-year period with controls in place to measure and verify the benefits, costs, and savings associated with connected care deployments.

- Replies were filed July 9, 2018, on the Robocalls FNPRM. ITTA said it is highly questionable whether a new, centralized database would confer any benefit as compared to existing commercial solutions, and agreed the Commission should complete a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis before taking any action on its database proposal. ITTA urged the Commission to refrain from adopting any measures relative to its reassigned numbers database proposal until it has separately resolved the myriad TCPA implementation issues in response to the D.C. Circuit’s ACA International decision. It also suggested the Commission refer the proposal to the NANC and/or first implement a wireless-only trial database, and, in any event, it must adopt a cost-recovery mechanism for service providers. AT&T supported recommendations that seek to leverage marketplace solutions and experience to achieve the Commission’s goals, rather than creating a new database from scratch or mandating a particular solution. AT&T also said the Commission should require the parties that have the greatest need for, and will derive the greatest benefit from, a reassigned numbers database to shoulder the cost burden, not voice services providers or their customers, and should keep reporting obligations as simple as possible. ACA said the Commission can spur competition for number verification services by adopting a safe harbor for callers who use a qualified commercial data aggregator, arguing this competition will lead to solutions that are more cost-effective and at least as accurate as any government-run database. It said if the Commission rejects this voluntary, competitive approach, it urged the Commission to exempt small voice service providers from any reporting requirements and to take additional steps to reduce reporting costs for all service providers. Comcast said a large and diverse set of stakeholders supported establishing a comprehensive, Commission-designated reassigned number database and an appropriately tailored safe harbor from liability under the TCPA for entities that rely on the database. Comcast claimed the few commenters that question the policy merits of establishing a centralized reassigned numbers database generally overstate the costs while underestimating the benefits. It said Comcast and other commenters have identified various ways in which the Commission can minimize the associated costs to voice providers, and on the caller side, Comcast expects that widespread use of the database, driven by the adoption of the proposed safe harbor, will enable costs to be spread over a large number of entities. All replies available to date.

- The House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology is holding a hearing on July 11, 2018, on “Protecting Consumer Proprietary Network Information in the Internet Age.” Witnesses include: Mr. Hance Haney, Director and Senior Fellow, Technology and Democracy Project, Discovery Institute; The Honorable Robert McDowell, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute, and former FCC Commissioner; and Ms. Laura Moy, Deputy Director, Georgetown Law Center on Privacy and Technology.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice on July 13, 2018, to announce the proposed North American Numbering Plan Administration fund size estimate and contribution factor for Fiscal Year 2019. The Bureau said the proposed fund size will be $7,058,771, and the proposed contribution
factor is 0.0000427.

- The FCC issued an Order on July 9, 2018, directing the North American Numbering Council to advise the Commission on consolidating the contracts of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the Pooling Administrator to bring about more cost-efficient and effective operations by a combined entity. The FCC directed NANC to develop a Technical Requirements Document outlining a single, unified proposed set of functional and interface requirements that combines the roles of the NANPA and PA by September 24, 2018.

- The FCC issued an Order on July 10, 2018, making rule changes to Part 1 and amending its Schedule of Application Fees in section 1.1102, et seq., as listed in the Appendix, to adjust its fees for processing applications and other filings. The Order increases application fees to reflect the net change in the CPI for all Urban Consumers of 3.7 percent, an increase of 8.825 index points calculated from October 2015 (237.838) to October 2017 (246.663). The rule changes and amendments to the Schedule of Application Fees shall become effective 30 days after publication of this Order in the Federal Register.

- Reply comments were filed July 6, 2018, on the NPRM on the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for FY 2018. AT&T said the FCC should reconsider its proposed rate hike on DBS providers, and reject ACA and NCTA’s request for the Commission to achieve parity in per subscriber regulatory fees in FY 2018 by assessing DBS providers and cable operators the same amount. AT&T suggested the FCC instead maintain the existing DBS provider per subscriber fee in FY 2018. NCTA and ACA supported the Commission’s proposal to raise the DBS regulatory fee, but said the Commission should set the regulatory fees for DBS operators at the same rate assessed other MVPDs. CenturyLink responded to the Satellite Industry Association on the international bearer circuit regulatory fee methodology. CenturyLink said there is no basis for excusing only satellite providers of IBCs from the obligation to pay a reasonable proportion of the regulatory fees associated with the work of the International Bureau. Echostar and Hughes said that until a sufficient amount of experience has been garnered with the Part 25 rules that stem from the SmallSat NPRM, the ratio for SmallSat regulatory fees should be re-examined on an annual basis to ensure that the resulting fees are commensurate with the workload generated for the International Bureau.

- The FCC issued an Erratum on July 11, 2018, making corrections to paragraph 1 and the authority citation of Appendix A of its June 8, 2018 Report and Order on slamming and cramming.

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Upcoming Filing Dates

- July 16 - Comments due on NTTA’s Notice seeking comments on ways to improve the nation’s ability to analyze broadband availability, with the intention of identifying gaps in broadband availability that can be used to improve policymaking and inform public investments.

- July 16 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with the selection of USAC Board of Directors and ensuring that requests for review are filed properly with the Commission. Notice

- July 16 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection related to the FCC’s Truth in Billing Format rules in section 64.2401. FR Notice

- July 20 - Comments due on the access stimulation NPRM. Reply comments are due August 3, 2018.

- July 20 - Comments due on an FCC staff report on robocalling. The Commission seeks data and other information on the progress of robocalling initiatives among government, industry, and consumers, and data and other information, including notable trends in illegal robocalling, including for a baseline period of January 2018. Replies are due August 20, 2018. Public Notice
• July 23 - PRA comments due on a revision of currently approved information collections associated with rural call completion. Notice

• July 23 - Replies due to oppositions to Verizon's Application for Review of the April 30, 2018 Order on Reconsideration that determined the Mobility Fund II challenge process would use a 400-meter buffer radius to assess challenges to areas initially deemed ineligible for MF-II support. Public Notice

• July 23 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collections associated with FCC Forms 470 and 471. Notice

• July 23 - Oppositions due to Petitions for Reconsideration of the Tribal OpEx Order have been filed by Mescalero Apache Telecom and Sacred Wind Communications. Replies to oppositions are due August 2, 2018. FR

• July 26 - Comments due on the NPRM on how best to structure the second stage of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and Connect USVI Fund. Replies are due Aug. 8, 2018. FR notice Order

• July 26 - Comments due on the state of mobile wireless competition. Reply comments are due August 16, 2018. Public Notice

• Aug. 2 - Replies due to oppositions to Petitions for Reconsideration of the Tribal OpEx Order have been filed by Mescalero Apache Telecom and Sacred Wind Communications. FR

• Aug. 3 - Replies due on the access stimulation NPRM.

• Aug. 6 - Comments due on USTelecom's Petition for Forbearance from certain regulatory obligations imposed on ILECs. Replies due September 5, 2018. Public Notice, Order

• Aug. 8 - Comments due on the NPRM on how best to structure the second stage of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and Connect USVI Fund. FR notice Order

• Aug. 10 - Comments due on Q Link Wireless' Emergency Petition requesting the FCC issue an order directing USAC to implement application programming interfaces for the Lifeline National Verifier that permit ETCs to exchange information with USAC. Replies are due August 27, 2018. Public Notice

• Aug. 16 - Replies due on the state of mobile wireless competition. Public Notice

• Aug. 20 - Replies due on an FCC staff report on robocalling. The Commission seeks data and other information on the progress of robocalling initiatives among government, industry, and consumers, and data and other information, including notable trends in illegal robocalling, including for a baseline period of January 2018. Public Notice

• Aug. 27 - Replies due on Q Link Wireless' Emergency Petition requesting the FCC issue an order directing USAC to implement application programming interfaces for the Lifeline National Verifier that permit ETCs to exchange information with USAC. Public Notice

• Sept. 4 - Comments due on the 8YY Access Charge Reform FNPRM, in which the Commission proposes to migrate interstate and intrastate originating end office and tandem switching and transport charges for toll free (8YY) calls to bill-and-keep. Replies are due October 1, 2018. FR

• Oct. 1 - Replies due on the 8YY Access Charge Reform FNPRM, in which the Commission proposes to migrate interstate and intrastate originating end office and tandem switching and transport charges for toll free (8YY) calls to bill-and-keep. FR