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July 18, 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- The FCC released the [Technology Transitions Order](#) adopted at its July 14, 2016 Open Meeting establishing criteria for use in an expedited review process for section 214 service discontinuance applications. It also granted USTelecom's Forbearance Petition, finding that ILECs are no longer dominant in the legacy switched access market, and adopted a technical correction suggested by TelePacific regarding the timing of service discontinuance for competitive service providers when the local phone company transitions away from copper networks.
- The FCC [will consider](#) at its August 4, 2016 Open Meeting: a Report and Order to convert the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program from a pilot to a permanent program; a Report and Order to implement changes to the scope of the wireless hearing aid compatibility rules; and an Order on Reconsideration regarding Inmate Calling Services rates.
- The FCC [announced](#) petitions for reconsideration of the RoR USF Reform Order have been filed by [NTCA](#), [WTA](#), [Custer Telephone Cooperative](#), and [Madison Telephone Company](#). Opposition due dates not yet set.
- Petitioner AT&T, Petitioner/Intervenor CenturyLink, and Intervenor USTelecom [asked](#) the D.C. Circuit to grant AT&T's [Petition for Review](#) of the 2014 CAF Phase II [Order](#) and remand the Order to the FCC.
- WTA [discussed](#) its [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the RoR USF Reform Order.
- Alaska carriers [discussed](#) overlapping LTE networks in Alaska. AT&T [suggested](#) the FCC exclude all areas currently served with 4G LTE service from continued CETC funding, regardless of the service provider. AT&T also [discussed](#) Mobility Fund Phase II, and said the FCC should adopt a population-based methodology rather than using road miles.
- Oppositions [are due](#) July 29 to the petitions for reconsideration of the Lifeline Reform [Order](#) filed by [NTCA and WTA](#), the [Joint Lifeline ETC Petitioners](#), [GCI](#), [Pennsylvania PUC](#), [TracFone](#), and [NASUCA](#). Replies are due August 8.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an [Order](#) rejecting certain AT&T special access tariff revisions related to the aggregation of all purchases under a single plan, and issued a second [Order](#) suspending and setting for investigation certain other AT&T tariffs due to issues with how AT&T revised the shortfall and early termination penalties. Petitions were filed asking the FCC to reject or suspend and investigate special access or business data services tariff filings by AT&T and Verizon by [Birch](#), [EarthLink](#), [INCOMPAS](#), [Level 3](#), [Sprint](#), and [Windstream](#); [Windstream](#); and [Windstream](#), [INCOMPAS](#), [EarthLink](#), and [Sprint](#).
- Chairman Wheeler and the FCC Commissioners [testified](#) at the House Communications and Technology Subcommittee [hearing](#) on oversight of the FCC.
- Five Senators [launched](#) a Senate Broadband Caucus to serve as a platform to engage in discussions across Committee jurisdictions and to inform Senators about emerging broadband issues.

Other Key Upcoming Dates

- July 21 - Comments due on [the process](#) for determining winning bidders in the CAF Phase II auction.
- July 26 - Replies due on the [FNPRM](#) on a new deregulatory framework for business data services that classifies markets as either non-competitive or competitive.
- July 26 - PRA comments due on new information collections adopted in the March 2016 RoR [USF Reform Order](#).

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USF Reform

- The FCC issued a [Public Notice](#) on July 11, 2016, announcing petitions for reconsideration of the RoR USF Reform Order have been filed by [NTCA](#), [WTA](#), [Custer Telephone Cooperative](#), and [Madison Telephone Company](#). Oppositions to the petitions must be filed within 15 days of the date of this Public Notice in the Federal Register; replies to oppositions are due within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.
- Petitioner AT&T, Petitioner/Intervenor CenturyLink, and Intervenor USTelecom filed a [Joint Brief](#) with the D.C. Circuit Court on July 12, 2016, in the [case](#) seeking review of the FCC's 2014 CAF Phase II [Order](#). AT&T, et al. argued 17 months have passed since AT&T first sought review of this Order, and asserted that maintaining ETC designations and obligations for price cap carriers that do not receive high-cost support violates the Communications Act and the FCC'S interpretation of section 214 violates the competitive neutrality principle. They asked the Court to grant the Petition for Review and remand the Order to the FCC.
- WTA [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on July 7, 2016, to discuss WTA's pending [Petition for Reconsideration](#) of the RoR USF Reform Order. WTA noted it has sought modification or clarification of: the "entity other than a rate of return carrier" and "exchanges" language of Section 54.902(c); guidance regarding how the Commission will handle merger and acquisition transactions that take place after the new Model Path and RoR Path, and associated mechanisms, are implemented; a streamlined process for revising build-out requirements for carriers on both Paths if substantial cost increases or other materially changed circumstances render the current build-out requirements unreasonable or impossible; and the definition of "qualified unsubsidized competitor" to require an entity seeking reduction of a particular ILEC's support to offer the same broadband speeds and comply with the same service obligations. WTA also indicated RLECs have concerns that the various benchmarks, DSL charges, middle mile costs, and customer service expenses are making it difficult or impossible for affiliated retail broadband service providers to certify they satisfy the Commission's reasonably comparable rate benchmarks for broadband service, and said it would be helpful for the Commission or USAC to state clearly that the Commission is using the broadband rate certification to collect information, rather than trying to reduce high-cost support or otherwise penalize entities.
- Twenty-six Senators sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Wheeler on July 11, 2016, to express support for the Commission's decision to allow rate-of-return carriers to access support for "standalone" broadband facilities. They said, however, significant work remains to ensure that broadband services are available in rural America and reasonably comparable to services enjoyed in urban areas. They asked the Commission to give special attention as it works to establish Phase II of the Mobility Fund to ensure that funding will promote new mobile broadband deployment in unserved rural and agricultural areas, and preserve and upgrade mobile broadband where it is currently available.
- The Alaska Telephone Association [spoke separately](#) by telephone with Legal Advisors to Chairman Wheeler and Commissioner O'Rielly on July 8; GCI spoke with Commissioners Rosenworcel and Clyburn's Legal Advisors on July 8; GCI spoke with Commissioner O'Rielly on July 11; and Copper Valley Telecom and GVNW met with Commissioner O'Rielly and his Legal Advisor on July 12, 2016. To address overlapping LTE networks in Alaska, ATA suggested the Commission consider initiating a process at the end of year five of the Alaska Plan to identify overlapping supported LTE networks and adopt a FNPRM to seek comment on what steps, if any, the Commission should take to address any overlap. ATA said the Commission should adopt the Alaska Plan as ten years of frozen support, and the support should continue to be provided to CETCs at frozen 2014 levels unless and until the Commission modifies those levels on a going-forward basis in response to the overlap analysis and the FNPRM.
- AT&T filed a [letter](#) on July 13, 2016, to respond to GCI's June 27, 2016 letter, which AT&T said did not respond to its two concerns with the Alaska Plan. AT&T said GCI erroneously assumed that when a CETC's support is phased down in accordance with section 54.307(e)(2), that support remains in the state where the CETC had received it, which is not correct. AT&T argued the Commission should fund the Alaska-specific program just like any of its other USF programs, and should not "raise" the funding

by selectively eliminating a carrier's high-cost support in a state in order to redirect that same support to the carrier's competitors in that state through a non-competitive process. AT&T expressed concern with ATA's request that the Commission discriminate against two specific wireless carriers (AT&T Mobility and Verizon Wireless) and codify that discriminatory treatment in its rules. AT&T recommended the Commission exclude all areas currently served with 4G LTE service from continued CETC funding, regardless of the identity of the service provider.

- Hamilton County Telephone Co-op and JSI [met via conference call](#) with Commissioner Clyburn's Legal Advisor on July 7, 2016, to discuss Hamilton's April 28, 2016 challenge to the competitive coverage contained in the current version of the A-CAM. Hamilton discussed how it is an excellent candidate for the A-CAM and was planning to elect model support. Hamilton requested that its challenge be granted and that the FCC look into Wisper's Form 477 data, noting other ILECs have also filed challenges against Wisper for similar circumstances.
- EATEL [met with](#) Commissioner Pai's Legal Advisor on July 12, 2016, and discussed the changing revenue streams of its business and the general challenges with keeping up with the broadband demands of their customers.
- All Points Broadband and WISPA [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on July 12, 2016, to discuss the proposed CAF Phase II competitive bidding rules. They suggested the Commission base bidding weights on the percentages of the cost model reserve price or the actual bid, as opposed to a strict numeric value. They also suggested that low-latency bids should receive significant bidding credit relative to high-latency bids, and opposed any earmarking or awarding of minimum CAF support to certain states where the price cap carrier declined Phase II support.
- Ozarks Electric Cooperative, North Alabama Electric Cooperative, NRECA, and the Utilities Technology Council [met with](#) Commissioner O'Rielly's Legal Advisor on July 11, 2016, to express concerns about the Commission's decision to eliminate census blocks from the CAF Phase II reverse auction in areas where incumbent carriers declined the offer of model-based support and where rural broadband experiments were filed based on June 20, 2015 FCC Form 477 data. They also urged the Commission to adopt weights for the upcoming reverse auction that would promote the deployment of future-proof networks and robust, reliable and affordable broadband services in rural America.
- AT&T [met with](#) Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff on July 6, 2016, to discuss Mobility Fund Phase II and to encourage the Commission to adopt a population-based methodology rather than using road miles. AT&T maintained its position that Mobility Fund Phase II funds should target areas that lack 4G LTE service offered by any mobile wireless provider. AT&T also recommended using census tracts as the maximum sized geographic bidding unit, and suggested that the Mobility Fund Phase II competitive bidding process could be designed to address both population and road miles.
- NTTA [met separately with](#) staff from Chairman Wheeler's office and Office of General Counsel, Legal Advisors to Commissioners O'Rielly, Pai, and Rosenworcel, Commissioner Clyburn and her staff, and Wireline Competition Bureau, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, and Office of Native Affairs and Policy staff on July 11, 12, and 13, 2016. NTTA urged the Commission to take action to address the substantial broadband infrastructure gap on Tribal lands by targeting additional funding to carriers serving such areas utilizing a Tribal Broadband Factor and also waiving or modifying the operations expense limitation rule for carriers with a majority of locations on Tribal lands.

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IP Transition

- At its July 14, 2016 Open Meeting, the FCC adopted a [Declaratory Ruling, Second Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, released](#) July 15, 2016, eliminating outdated regulations and establishing clear criteria that can expedite the review process for section 214 service discontinuance applications. The Order granted USTelecom's Forbearance Petition, removing the designation of ILECs as dominant in the legacy switched access marketplace. The Commission said ILECs will now

enjoy streamlined treatment under the Commission's section 214 review processes and some reduction of their tariffing obligations. The Order established a framework for evaluating requests to discontinue a legacy voice service as part of technology transitions, creating a three-pronged test for determining whether a new service qualifies as an adequate replacement for a legacy voice service. The Order also amended the section 214 discontinuance notice requirements by requiring applicants to implement customer outreach plans, provide consumer education materials, and notice Tribal governments, and revised the section 214 rules to harmonize the discontinuance and newly-revised copper retirement processes, as requested by U.S. TelePacific's Petition. [Commissioner statements](#).

- Public Knowledge [spoke with](#) Chairman Wheeler's Counselor on July 6, 2016, to discuss the proposed Order on the transition to advanced network infrastructure, which is to clarify the criteria the Commission will use to evaluate a 214(a) discontinuance request from a legacy voice TDM provider. PK expressed concerns with several aspects of the proposed Order, and said the Commission should require carriers to certify there is a broadband provider in the service area prior to discontinuing service and should ensure that there is an adequate public comment period for a 214(a) discontinuance, among other things.
- Public Knowledge and the Communication Workers of America [met with](#) Chairman Wheeler's Special Counsel and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on July 8, 2016, to express support for Commission action to clarify the process and criteria the Commission will use to evaluate a section 214(a) streamlined discontinuance request from a legacy voice TDM provider. They said, however, the FCC should require carriers to certify there is a broadband provider in the service area prior to discontinuing service, and ensure that there is an adequate public comment period for a 214(a) discontinuance.
- The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association [met with](#) Chairman Wheeler's Legal Advisor and Wireline Competition Bureau staff to discuss the [FNPRM](#) on the criteria to be used by the FCC in the section 214 review process to evaluate and compare replacement and legacy services. NRECA discussed the impact of the transition on the voice and data communications of its member rural electric cooperatives. NRECA expressed support for the proposed service quality metrics for voice services that must be met for streamlined treatment of section 214 discontinuance applications, and supported AT&T's proposal for multiple speed options and classes of service options for replacement IP data services.

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Broadband

- Chairman Wheeler sent [letters](#) to seven members of Congress on June 30, 2016, to respond to their letter expressing concern with the FCC's proposed rules on privacy of broadband customers' personal information. Chairman Wheeler said the FCC's goal is to protect customers' privacy in the telecommunications market, which is why it is proposing rules applicable to Broadband Internet Access Service providers, not edge providers, which are subject to a regulatory framework with FTC oversight and enforcement, and often state oversight as well.
- Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Angus King (I-Maine), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.) and John Boozman (R-Ark.) [launched](#) a Senate Broadband Caucus on July 12, 2016, to serve as a platform to engage in discussions across Committee jurisdictions and to inform Senators and their staff about emerging broadband issues. They said the caucus will address broadband challenges facing Americans, promote bipartisan discussions about possible solutions to increase connectivity and close the digital divide, especially in rural America, and engage with a broad range of industries and other stakeholders.
- Legal scholars and economists filed a [letter](#) on July 11, 2016, expressing concerns with the FCC's proposal to adopt new data privacy and security rules for broadband ISPs. They claimed the proposed rules do not reflect the technological and economic nature of the Internet environment, and asserted the proposed rules would single out ISPs for heightened regulation, imposing strict opt-in consent requirements on their use and disclosure of customer information. They also asserted the

Commission's proposed choice rules are unconstitutional because they would uniquely prohibit ISPs' use and disclosure of information for marketing purposes without obtaining consumers' opt-in consent.

- CALinnovates filed a [paper](#) entitled "The Curious Absence of Economic Analysis at the Federal Communications Commission: An Agency In Search of a Mission," by former FCC Chief Economist Gerald R. Faulhaber, PhD, and Hal J. Singer, PhD. CALinnovates said the paper documents a trend away from basing regulations on meaningful economic examination and why the outcomes for innovation and consumers are negative, and claimed the implications of this change can be felt in the FCC's broadband privacy proceeding. CALinnovates urged the FCC to proceed with caution and to return to its roots of embracing data-driven analysis.
- Prof. Nick Feamster, Princeton University, [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on July 9, 2016, to discuss the FCC's proposals on broadband privacy. Prof. Feamster provided a presentation he said illustrates the many varied datasets that ISPs have at their disposal to improve the performance and security of the network - as well as the privacy concerns that each of these datasets might pose. He also discussed the need to exempt researchers from the FCC's rulemaking, asserting network research fundamentally depends on access to ISP data, ranging from NetFlow/IPFIX to DNS.

Open Internet

- [CTIA](#) and the [Competitive Carriers Association](#) filed replies on July 15, 2016, to comments filed on their [Applications](#) for [Review](#) of the [Public Notice](#) that provided guidance on the Open Internet transparency rule. CTIA said no oppositions were filed, and therefore the Commission should grant the applications for review, rescind certain aspects of the Bureau's guidance, and seek public comment to ensure APA compliance and good, workable rules. CCA said based on the lack of opposition to the applications, they should be granted.

USF

- The FCC published a [Notice](#) in the Federal Register on July 14, 2016, announcing oppositions to petitions for reconsideration of the Lifeline Reform [Order](#) filed by [NTCA and WTA](#), the [Joint Lifeline ETC Petitioners](#), [GCI](#), [Pennsylvania PUC](#), [TracFone](#), and [NASUCA](#) are due July 29. Replies are due August 8.
- The FCC published a [Notice](#) in the Federal Register on July 14, 2016, clarifying the effective dates for new Lifeline rules previously published in the Federal Register, to promote consistency with the effective dates found in the [Order](#). The Notice also clarifies rules subject to certain effective dates to reflect implementation changes being made to the program. The rules are effective July 15, 2016, except for the corrections to sections 54.202, 54.405, 54.408, and 54.410, which require OMB approval.
- Reps. Fred Upton (R-Mich.) and Greg Walden (R-Ore.) sent a [letter](#) to USAC on July 15, 2016, asking for information on USAC's program integrity operations and information on the Lifeline program. They asked for: an explanation of all of USAC's current and planned programs and initiatives to ensure integrity of the Lifeline program spending; a list of all telecommunications service providers that have participated in the Lifeline program beginning January 1, 2009, to present; all audits, investigations, or reviews of such companies conducted by or for USAC since January 1, 2009; copies of all materials provided by USAC to any FCC Commissioner, including the Chairman, relating to waste, fraud, and abuse in the Lifeline program from January 1, 2012, to present; and all written and electronic communications between USAC and the FCC from January 1, 2012, to present relating to Total Call Mobile, Inc. and duplicative, fraudulent, or otherwise improper or ineligible enrollments in the Lifeline program. [Press release](#)
- Chairman Wheeler [sent a letter](#) to Rep. Kenny Marchant (R-Texas) in response to his March 30, 2016 letter, which expressed concerns about modernization of the Lifeline program. Chairman Wheeler said the Lifeline Reform [Order](#) improves Lifeline's management and design, and puts in place a number of

key programmatic reforms designed to protect the integrity of the Lifeline program and build on the Commission's recent efforts to root out waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

- The Enforcement Bureau [announced](#) on July 15, 2016, it has reached a settlement with Blue Jay Wireless to resolve an investigation into whether the company improperly enrolled several thousand Hawaiian customers as eligible for enhanced Tribal support reimbursements from the FCC's Lifeline program. Under the [settlement](#), Blue Jay will reimburse the Universal Service Fund approximately \$2 million and adopt substantial compliance procedures.
- Gigi Sohn, Counselor to Chairman Wheeler, [spoke](#) at the SHLB Annual Conference on July 13, 2016, to discuss anchor institutions and broadband adoption. She said community anchor institutions can help with broadband adoption by providing outreach and education about available programs. She said the FCC's Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau will be engaging community anchor institutions, philanthropic organizations, city, local and tribal governments, industry and others to explore strategies for promoting increased broadband adoption through the Lifeline program, as well as increased digital literacy.
- The Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition [released](#) its [Connecting Anchor Institutions: A Broadband Action Plan](#) on July 13, 2016. The plan was developed by the SHLB Coalition to provide ideas and actionable policy recommendations for government leaders at the federal, state, and local levels to address the broadband needs of anchor institutions. It contains ten policy papers focusing on key issues that it said must be addressed to ensure that anchor institutions have the open, affordable, high-capacity broadband they need to serve their communities.
- NTELOS filed a [Supplement](#) to its [Petition](#) to modify its ETC service area on July 11, 2016. NTELOS sought to modify its ETC service area to exclude the eastern portion of Virginia where NTELOS no longer provides service, and no longer holds a spectrum license to provide service, following its transaction with T-Mobile USA. NTELOS provided an outline for a proposed methodology to effectively reduce its frozen USF support by the amount attributable to the geographic area where NTELOS no longer provides service.

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- At its July 14, 2016 Open Meeting, the FCC also [adopted](#) a [Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) with new rules for wireless broadband operations in frequencies above 24 GHz, and seeks comment on a number of spectrum issues. The Commission [deleted](#) from the agenda an FOIA consent agenda item.
- The FCC [announced](#) the tentative agenda for its August 4, 2016 Open Meeting on July 14, 2016. The Commission will consider: a Report and Order that would convert the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program from a pilot to a permanent program; a Report and Order that would implement changes to the scope of the wireless hearing aid compatibility rules; and an Order on Reconsideration, responding to a petition filed by Michael S. Hamden, that would ensure the rates for Inmate Calling Services are just, reasonable, and fair and explicitly account for facilities' ICS-related costs.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an [Order](#) on July 15, 2016, concluding that AT&T's tariff revisions related to the aggregation of all purchases under a single a plan constitute a restructured service for which AT&T failed to make the required showing and violate the Tariff Investigation [Order](#). The Bureau rejected AT&T's Ameritech Transmittal No. 1847 proposed Section 7.4.13(A), PBTC Transmittal No. 539 proposed Sections 7.4.18(E), and SWBT Transmittal No. 3428 proposed Section 7.2.22(E) as patently unlawful. The Bureau also issued a second [Order](#) concluding that substantial questions of lawfulness exist regarding how AT&T revised the shortfall and early termination penalties contained in the PBTC and SWBT proposed tariff revisions, and suspended those provisions for one day and set for investigation the question of whether AT&T complied with the Tariff Investigation Order in revising its shortfall and early termination penalties.

- Petitions asking the Commission to reject or suspend and investigate special access or business data services tariff filings by AT&T and Verizon were filed on July 8, 2016. [Birch, EarthLink, INCOMPAS, Level 3, Sprint, and Windstream](#) asserted AT&T's proposed tariff confirms that AT&T has substantial and persisting market power in the provision of business data services and that AT&T has ignored the terms of the [Tariff Investigation Order](#). Birch et al. said the Bureau should reject the transmittals because AT&T's revised methodology for determining shortfall and early termination penalties and its proposal for addressing the requirement that it eliminate all-or-nothing provisions from the tariffs violate the Commission's directives in the Tariff Investigation Order. [Windstream](#) asserted that if AT&T's tariff is allowed to take effect, it would force a huge price increase on wholesale purchasers and, in turn, on retail customers. Windstream also said the transmittals must be rejected because by discontinuing portability they de facto seek to terminate five- and seven-year term offerings. [Windstream, INCOMPAS, EarthLink, and Sprint](#) also filed a petition against Verizon's tariff, asserting that Verizon has failed to comply with the Commission's Tariff Investigation Order with respect to required changes in its shortfall penalties and implementation of the elimination of "all-or-nothing" provisions, and claimed it failed to show that its proposed DS1 rate increases comply with the limits set by price cap and service band indices.
- Chairman Wheeler and the FCC Commissioners testified at the July 12, 2016 House Communications and Technology Subcommittee [hearing](#) on oversight of the FCC. [Chairman Wheeler](#) recapped major developments since the March hearing, including the June 14, 2016 D.C. Circuit decision upholding the FCC's Open Internet Rules, the release of the Business Data Services NPRM, and release of the Order modernizing the Lifeline program. [Commissioner Rosenworcel](#) discussed improving the nation's emergency number system. [Commissioner Pai](#) discussed public safety issues, the FCC's set-top box proposal, and the waste, fraud, and abuse of the Lifeline program. [Commissioner O'Rielly](#) discussed fraud, waste and abuse in the Lifeline program, broadband privacy, set-top boxes, media ownership, and spectrum issues. [Commissioner Clyburn](#) discussed Lifeline, Mobility Fund, and next generation wireless broadband.
- Verizon and INCOMPAS [met with](#) FCC General Counsel and Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau on July 13, 2016, to discuss aspects of the [outline](#) for a new BDS policy framework.
- Level 3 [met with](#) Wireline Competition and Media Bureau staff on July 12, 2016, and asserted there is no actual competition in the provision of business data services and the Commission should therefore only classify a relevant business data services market as competitive where reasonably efficient competitive carriers can deploy connections to customers that demand the relevant services. They also said in making this assessment, the Commission should rely on the [analysis](#) of John Merriman, Vice President of Finance for North America at Level 3, of the distances that Level 3 can deploy connections of bandwidths ranging from 1.5 Mbps to 10 Gbps to end user locations in the top 10 metropolitan statistical areas.
- Jonathan Baker, on behalf of Level 3 and Windstream, filed a [supplemental declaration](#) on competition and market power in the provision of Business Data Services on July 14, 2016. He said in his original declarations, he concluded that ILECs are likely able to exercise market power in the provision of business data services and would be expected to charge prices above competitive levels unless prevented by regulation. He noted in this supplemental declaration, the additional analysis provides further support for this conclusion.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on July 15, 2016, listing Acknowledgements of Confidentiality filed by parties seeking access to confidential information filed in the Special Access Data Collection proceeding since the July 8, 2016 Public Notice. Parties that submitted confidential information in response to the collection have until July 22, 2016, to object to the disclosure of their data and information to any of the parties listed in the attachment to this Public Notice.
- The North American Numbering Council filed a [letter](#) on July 11, 2016, to advise the FCC that at its June 30, 2016 meeting, it concurred without dissent with the recommendation of the Billing and Collection Working Group to approve the FY 2016-2017 NANP Fund Contribution Factor at 0.0000368. NANC filed a second [letter](#) on July 11, 2016, to advise the FCC that at its June 30, 2016 meeting, it

unanimously concurred with the recommendations of the Numbering Oversight Working Group to submit the 2015 Performance Evaluation Reports for the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the Pooling Administrator, which were attached.

- Chairman Wheeler [announced](#) the appointment of Holly Saurer as Legal Advisor, and the transition of Diane Cornell to a role in the FCC's International Bureau. Ms. Saurer will work primarily on international and consumer affairs issues.

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Upcoming Filing Dates

- 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 18 - Comments due on Commio's application to obtain NANP telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators for its iVoIP service. [Public Notice](#)
- July 20 - Replies due on the proposed eligible services list for the E-rate program for funding year 2017. [Public Notice](#)
- July 21 - Comments due on [three sets of issues](#) relating to the process for determining winning bidders in the CAF Phase II auction: how to apply weights to the different levels of performance adopted in the Order; measures to achieve the public interest objective of ensuring appropriate support for all of the states; and measures to achieve the public interest objective of expanding broadband on Tribal lands. Replies are due August 5.
- 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](#)
- July 29 - Oppositions due to petitions for reconsideration of the Lifeline Reform [Order](#) filed by [NTCA and WTA](#), the [Joint Lifeline ETC Petitioners](#), [GCI](#), [Pennsylvania PUC](#), [TracFone](#), and [NASUCA](#). Replies are due August 8. [Notice](#)
- Aug. 5 - Replies due on [three sets of issues](#) relating to the process for determining winning bidders in the CAF Phase II auction: how to apply weights to the different levels of performance adopted in the Order; measures to achieve the public interest objective of ensuring appropriate support for all of the states; and measures to achieve the public interest objective of expanding broadband on Tribal lands.
- Aug. 8 - Comments due on Fairpoint's [Compliance Plan](#) for forbearance relief from the Commission's cost assignment rules. Replies due August 22. [Public Notice](#)
- Aug. 8 - Replies due to oppositions to petitions for reconsideration of the Lifeline Reform [Order](#) filed by [NTCA and WTA](#), the [Joint Lifeline ETC Petitioners](#), [GCI](#), [Pennsylvania PUC](#), [TracFone](#), and [NASUCA](#). [Notice](#)
- Aug. 22 - PRA comments due on the form and content of its survey of urban rates for fixed voice and fixed broadband residential services. [Notice](#)

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