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### August 14, 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Brendan Carr and Jessica Rosenworcel were sworn in as FCC Commissioners. Statements were issued by [Chairman Pai](#), and [Commissioners Carr](#) and [Rosenworcel](#).
- The FCC [seeks comments](#) on a list of 13 rate-of-return study areas identified as potentially having 100 percent overlapped by an unsubsidized competitor or combination of unsubsidized competitors. The Bureau said after the comment cycle is complete, it will publish a final determination of the study areas subject to 100 percent overlap. Comments are due September 11; replies are due October 10.
- The FCC issued a [Thirteenth Section 706 Report NOI](#) seeking comments on the appropriate metrics and benchmarks by which to measure the deployment of both fixed and mobile services in order to evaluate the extent to which American consumers have access to advanced telecommunications capabilities. Comments are due September 7, 2017; replies due September 22, 2017.
- The FCC [extended](#) the deadline to file reply comments on the Restoring Internet Freedom [NPRM](#) until August 30, 2017.
- The Eighth Circuit Court issued a [briefing schedule](#) in the proceeding hearing appeals of the FCC's Business Data Services [Order](#). Initial briefs are due September 29, 2017. The court also issued an [Order](#) granting and denying various motions to intervene, denying a motion to transfer, and denying a motion for stay pending judicial review.
- The Nebraska PSC filed late [comments](#) in support of Great Plains' Petition for Waiver, which would allow Great Plains to use its actual interstate switched access revenues instead of projected revenues to calculate switched access rates and eligible ICC recovery as it exits NECA's switched and special access pools.
- Comments were filed by [GCI](#), [NCTA](#), and [ACA](#) on Alaska Communications Systems' [Petition](#) requesting a ruling that GCI or its relevant subsidiary, a CLEC, be treated going forward as the sole incumbent LEC in the study area currently served by ACS of Anchorage, and to rule ACS of Anchorage is no longer a dominant carrier and shall cease to be treated as an ILEC in that study area. Replies are due August 21, 2017. [Public Notice](#)

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### Other Key Upcoming Dates

- Aug. 14 - Comments due on the [NOI](#) on methods to authenticate telephone calls against illegal robocallers. Replies due Sept. 13.
- Aug. 15 - Replies due on refreshing the record on access charge reform for 8YY calls since the 2011 Transformation Order. [Public Notice](#)
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- Aug. 21 - Comments due on the [NPRM](#) to amend the Caller ID rules to allow disclosure of blocked Caller ID information to aid law enforcement. Replies are due September 19.
- Aug. 28 - Comments due on the [Second FNPRM](#) on rural call completion. Replies are due September 25.
- Aug. 28 - Comments due on the [Second NOI](#) that explores methods by which reassigned telephone number data could be made available to callers to avoid making unwanted calls to consumers. Replies are due Sept. 26.
- Aug. 30 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) proposing to return internet broadband access service to Title I information service.

## USF Reform

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on August 11, 2017, seeking comments on a list of 13 rate-of-return study areas identified as potentially having 100 percent overlapped by an unsubsidized competitor or combination of unsubsidized competitors. The Bureau seeks comment on whether the competitors in the study areas codes listed are in fact offering voice and broadband to 100 percent of locations in the relevant census blocks meeting the requirements in section 54.319(a), and provided examples of the types of information it says it will find most persuasive from commenters seeking to demonstrate they are offering voice and broadband to 100 percent of the locations in the relevant census block(s). The Bureau said after the comment cycle is complete, it will publish a final determination of the study areas subject to 100 percent overlap. The Bureau also posted online a map depicting the overlapped study areas and a spreadsheet listing the unsubsidized competitors in each census block of those study areas based on Form 477 data. Comments are due September 11; replies are due October 10.

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## ICC

- The Nebraska PSC filed a [Motion](#) on August 4, 2017, requesting the Commission accept its late-filed comments on Great Plains' Petition for Waiver, which would allow Great Plains to use its actual interstate switched access revenues instead of projected revenues to calculate switched access rates and eligible ICC recovery as it exits NECA's switched and special access pools. The Nebraska PSC supported the Petition, expressing concern that without the waiver Nebraska's consumers may pay higher rates due to the access rate increases and concern about the continuation of rural call completion problems.
- The D.C. Circuit issued a [decision](#) on August 11, 2017, in the case reviewing All American Telephone, e-Pinnacle Communications, and ChaseCom's [Petition for Review](#) of the FCC [Order](#) that granted AT&T's complaint alleging the companies operated as sham CLECs that were created for the purpose of inflating terminating access revenues and billed AT&T for access services they did not provide under valid tariffs. The court upheld the portion of the FCC's Order that awarded damages to AT&T, but concluded those portions of the Commission's decision touching on the merits of the companies' state-law claims are without legal effect.

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## Broadband

- The FCC issued a [Thirteenth Section 706 Report Notice of Inquiry](#) on August 8, 2016, seeking comments on the appropriate metrics and benchmarks by which to measure the deployment of both fixed and mobile services in order to evaluate the extent to which American consumers have access to advanced telecommunications capabilities. The FCC proposes to maintain the current speed benchmark of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload for fixed broadband, and proposes a number of potential benchmarks and metrics for mobile broadband. The FCC also seeks comment on: whether and how it can establish a framework for conducting the annual section 706 inquiry; whether advanced telecommunications capability is being deployed to all Americans, i.e., in all areas of the country; and if it is being deployed in a reasonable and timely fashion. Comments are due September 7, 2017; replies due September 22, 2017.
- Connected Nation [spoke with](#) Commissioner Clyburn's Legal Advisor on August 3, 2017, to discuss potential improvements to the Form 477 process of data collection. Connected Nation discussed the need for accurate and granular broadband maps as one of the most critical tools in developing sound broadband policy to close the digital divide. Connected Nation argued the current Form 477 data collection process is deficient in several ways, and suggested any future broadband mapping effort

must prioritize the accuracy and granularity of broadband maps at the street address or parcel level of detail, but must also prioritize the protection of providers' proprietary and confidential information that may be used to derive more granular coverage footprints.

- AT&T [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on August 3, 2017, to discuss the parts of the Commission's wireline infrastructure deployment [NPRM](#) that addressed copper retirement and section 214 discontinuance. AT&T said its remarks were consistent with its filed comments in the wireline infrastructure proceeding, and suggested, among other things, streamlining the waiting periods, eliminating the requirements for direct notice of copper retirement to retail consumers, and eliminating rules that AT&T says unreasonably restrict information sharing.
- The Edison Electric Institute [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Legal Advisor on August 8, 2017, to discuss the electric industry's investment to modernize the nation's power grid. EEI urged the Commission not to take any actions which would negatively impact public safety and the provision of reliable electric service or impair ongoing grid modernization and the growth of smart communities. It requested the membership of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee be expanded to include more representation from electric companies and states. It said there was no need for the Commission to adjust the pole attachment timelines or rates, claiming that make-ready delays are generally caused by new and existing attachers and not the companies, and said lowering the rates would discourage electric company investment in smart infrastructure and telecommunications company investment in their own poles.
- NATOA [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Legal Advisor on August 9, 2017, to discuss the potential impact of any FCC action on recently enacted state small wireless facilities siting legislation, the usefulness of pre-application meetings, potential impacts on FirstNet deployments, and the continuing need for educational outreach on small cells and deployment practices.

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## Open Internet

- The Wireline Competition Bureau released an [Order](#) on August 11, 2017, extending the deadline to file reply comments in the Restoring Internet Freedom [NPRM](#) for two weeks, until August 30, 2017. The Commission said permitting interested parties an additional two weeks in which to file their reply comments will allow parties to provide the Commission with more thorough comments, ensuring that the Commission has a complete record on which to develop its decision.
- Verizon filed an [Opposition](#) on August 7, 2017, to INCOMPAS' [Motion](#) seeking to modify protective orders in recent merger proceedings to permit interested commenters in the Restoring Internet Freedom proceeding to use certain confidential and highly confidential materials collected in those proceedings. Verizon claimed INCOMPAS' request could make public the highly sensitive business information of third parties like Verizon who submitted highly confidential and confidential information in those transaction proceedings. Verizon also said INCOMPAS improperly filed this Motion only in the Restoring Internet Freedom proceeding and not in the respective transaction dockets in which the protective orders were issued.

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## Universal Service

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an [Order](#) on August 10, 2017, denying motions filed by TruConnect, Cox, and Tag Mobile seeking an extension of time to file final attestation reports pursuant to the Lifeline Program Biennial Audit Plan. The Bureau said carriers were notified by USAC of their obligation to complete a Lifeline biennial audit on August 10, 2016, and were given one year to complete the audit.

- The FCC published a [Notice](#) in the Federal Register on August 10, 2017, seeking comments on a computer matching program the Commission and USAC will conduct with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the Lifeline program. Comments are due September 11, 2017, and the program will begin on that date, unless comments are received that require a contrary determination.
- Reply comments were filed on August 7, 2017, on the [Public Notice](#) seeking comment on proposed eligible services for the E-rate program for funding year 2018. [T-Mobile](#) said there is no basis to require E-rate applicants to continue to demonstrate that wireless solutions are more cost-effective than fixed-line Wi-Fi solutions; but if the Commission is going to maintain this requirement, the ESL must make clearer to applicants how to conduct such cost comparisons so the USF does not overpay. [AT&T](#) said the E-rate program must have processes that encourage and facilitate the transition of services and service providers that allow applicants to maximize their funding commitments throughout the funding year. It also said the program should permit funding for both the existing and new services for a short testing period. The [State E-Rate Coordinators' Alliance](#) encouraged the FCC to work with USAC to develop specific examples of the type of network equipment that may qualify for Category One support based on the experience gained by USAC in reviewing FY 2016 and FY 2017 applications.
- ApplianSys [met separately with](#) Chairman Pai's Legal Advisor and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on August 7, 2017, to discuss the proposed FY 2018 E-rate eligible services list. It claimed caching has had a far greater impact on bridging the digital divide than the Commission originally envisioned, and the FCC has a significant opportunity to accelerate the bridging of the digital divide while eliminating wasteful spending of E-Rate funds on excessive bandwidth, as well as improving the targeted use of E-Rate funds.
- The Public Utility Division of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission filed a [letter](#) on August 10, 2017, to respond to the Lifeline Connects Coalition and Boomerang Wireless' [proposal](#) on the migration of subscribers to the National Verifier's Lifeline Eligibility database. The PUD expressed support for USAC's proposed strategy for migration of Lifeline subscribers to the National Verifier's Lifeline Eligibility Database and urged the Commission to adopt USAC's migration plan and to continue taking positive steps to avoid waste, fraud, and abuse in the Lifeline program.
- Sprint [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on August 10, 2017, to discuss USAC's [proposal](#) to require the submission of eligibility documentation collected after July 2017 for Lifeline subscribers enrolled prior to July 1, 2017, and not found in an eligibility database when their enrollment was attempted in the National Verifier. Sprint said USAC's proposal would impose significant costs on Lifeline service providers and urged the Commission to implement an industry proposal that eligibility be demonstrated by documentation already held by service providers as part of the enrollment process or obtained through the annual recertification process.
- Q-Link Wireless [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on August 8, 2017, to discuss the operational problems for carriers and USAC created by USAC's decision not to create an API to allow carriers to initiate an eligibility determination on behalf of a customer and the lack of a clear reason for USAC's [decision](#) to require new eligibility documentation as of or after July 2017 for any subscriber transitioned to the National Verifier who cannot be automatically verified. Q-Link said USAC should not require providers every month to revise USAC's NLAD-based subscriber list, but suggested it should have carriers provide the list of subscribers for whom they are claiming reimbursement and then check that list against NLAD and the National Verifier.

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## State Actions

- The Regulatory Commission of Alaska released an [Order](#) on August 9, 2017, opening an informational docket and requesting information from broadband service providers and entities that own or control networks capable of carrying broadband traffic regarding Alaska's current broadband coverage,

providers' planned coverage expansions, and gaps in broadband infrastructure and financing. The information collected will be provided to the state legislature in response to a bill establishing the state government budget for FY 2018. The RCA also provided a draft map of middle-mile facilities and seeks comment on its accuracy, which are due September 8, 2017.

### Misc.

- [Chairman Pai](#) issued a statement after Brendan Carr and Jessica Rosenworcel were sworn in as FCC Commissioners on August 11, 2017. [Commissioners Carr](#) and [Rosenworcel](#) also issued statements.
- The Eighth Circuit Court issued a [briefing schedule](#) on August 3, 2017, in the proceeding hearing appeals of the FCC's Business Data Services [Order](#). Initial briefs are due September 29, 2017; responsive briefs are due 30 days after; and reply briefs are due 14 days after the filing of responsive briefs. The court also issued an [Order](#) granting and denying various motions to intervene, denying a motion to transfer, and denying a motion for stay pending judicial review.
- Chairman Pai released a [statement](#) on August 8, 2017, on the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit's [denial](#) of a motion to stay the FCC's Business Data Services [Order](#) pending judicial review. Pai said the court's decision to let modernization of the business data services rules take effect is an important affirmation that the Commission thoroughly analyzed the massive data collection to establish a robust, forward-looking competitive framework.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on August 11, 2017, listing Acknowledgements of Confidentiality filed by parties seeking access to confidential information filed in the special access data collection proceeding. Parties that submitted confidential information in response to the collection have until August 18, 2017, to object to the disclosure of their data and information to any of the parties listed in the Public Notice.
- Comments were filed August 7, 2017, on Alaska Communications Systems' [Petition](#) requesting a ruling that GCI or its relevant subsidiary, a CLEC, be treated going forward as the sole incumbent LEC in the study area currently served by ACS of Anchorage, and to rule ACS of Anchorage is no longer a dominant carrier and shall cease to be treated as an ILEC in that study area. [GCI](#) opposed the Petition, saying a 251(h)(2) petition is not the proper vehicle for relieving an ILEC of its ILEC obligations as relief from such obligations must be pursued through a section 10 forbearance request. GCI also claimed the Petition does not meet section 251(h)(2)'s test for designating a LEC to be an ILEC. [NCTA](#) opposed the Petition, arguing ACS has failed to demonstrate that GCI occupies a comparable position to the incumbent in the Anchorage study area or that ACS has been substantially replaced by GCI. It claimed the Petition is an unprecedented attempt by a former monopolist to punish a competitor for succeeding in the marketplace. [ACA](#) also opposed the Petition, arguing that ACS is wrong both as a matter of policy and law, and the Commission should dismiss the Petition expeditiously before ACS's erroneous views of section 251 encourage others to file similar requests to impose unwarranted regulatory obligations on their competitors. ACA said the Commission should not only deny the ACS Petition on its merits, but also establish a high bar for future section 251 requests seeking to impose incumbent obligations on competitors by requiring the requestor to demonstrate that a competitor has exclusive monopoly-like status and exceptionally dominant and durable control of the market. Replies are due August 21, 2017. [Public Notice](#)
- Comments were filed on August 9, 2017, on the [NPRM](#) that proposes to eliminate the requirement that payphone operators conduct annual audits. [USTelecom](#) urged the Commission to eliminate: § 64.1320(f) relating to the annual payphone tracking system audit requirement; § 64.1310(a)(3) relating to the requirement of a quarterly sworn statement by the CFO of any carrier that completes calls originating from payphones; §§ 64.1301(a-d) relating to expired interim requirements; and §§ 64.1320(a)-(e) and (g) relating to the initial payphone call tracking system audit and attendant requirements. [NCTA](#) supported the Commission's proposal to eliminate the audit requirement, saying the volume of payphone traffic is rapidly declining, along with the level of payphone compensation, and as compensation levels decline, the cost of the audit increasingly exceeds the level of compensation that is owed, sometimes to a significant degree. [Verizon](#) supported the proposal to eliminate

administrative processes associated with payphone call tracking and compensation. It also noted the Commission did not propose, and Verizon does not seek, changes to the compensation system itself, but seeks only to eliminate the audit, reporting, and certification requirements. [ITTA](#) supported the NPRM's proposal to repeal section 64.1320(f), and urged the Commission to also eliminate sections 64.1310(a)(3) and 64.1301(a)-(d). ITTA claimed it has been years since the annual audits have uncovered irregularities with the completing carriers' call tracking systems, and even if there were any modest benefits from the audits, they would be far outweighed by the significant costs of compliance. [CenturyLink](#) agreed with the proposal to eliminate the annual audit and associated reporting requirements, and also proposed the Commission relax the requirement that a completing carrier's CFO attest each quarter to the accuracy of reported payphone compensation. It suggested the Commission require only that an authorized employee of the completing carrier submit the required attestation annually. Replies are due September 8, 2017. [FR](#). [All comments available to date](#).

- The FCC published a [Notice](#) in the Federal Register on August 14, 2017, announcing the comment dates for the [NPRM](#) that proposes to amend rules to prohibit carriers from misrepresenting themselves when placing telemarketing sales calls to consumers and placing unauthorized charges on their phone bills (slamming and cramming). The Commission proposes to codify a rule prohibiting misrepresentations on carrier telemarketing calls to consumers that often precede a carrier switch and a rule against cramming. It said the intended effect of this action is to prevent unscrupulous carriers from targeting vulnerable populations from committing fraud either on sales calls or when "verifying" a consumer switch. Comments are due September 13, 2017; replies are due October 13, 2017.
- The Commission placed on [circulation](#) on August 4, 2017, an item addressing the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for Fiscal Year 2017, Report and Order and FNPRM.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on August 8, 2017, reminding all entities that use the Number Portability Administration Center that the process to transition operation of the NPAC from Neustar to iconectiv is underway. The Bureau said all entities that use the NPAC must register with iconectiv, and end users that access the NPAC through a Service Bureau should contact their Service Bureaus to ensure their providers are registered and ready for the transition. The Bureau said to be ready for the transition, providers of telecommunications and telecommunications-related services must complete registration with iconectiv by August 31, 2017, if planning to test their interfaces, but no later than October 31, 2017, if the entity does not plan to test. Law enforcement agencies and users of Wireless Do-Not-Call services must complete registration with iconectiv by November 30, 2017, if planning to test their interfaces, but no later than December 31, 2017, if they do not plan to test. Testing for these users is currently scheduled to begin in December 2017. Law enforcement services and Wireless Do-Not-Call services are scheduled to cutover from Neustar to iconectiv in March 2018.
- The FCC issued a [Public Notice](#) on August 9, 2017, announcing it plans to re-charter the North American Numbering Council, subject to approval of the General Services Administration's Federal Advisory Committee Secretariat. The FCC seeks nominations for membership on the Council, and said it intends to establish the NANC for a period of two years, with an expected starting date in the fall of 2017. Chairman Pai also issued a [statement](#) on the NANC nominations. Nominations for membership are due by September 8, 2017.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on August 10, 2017, announcing that the 19<sup>th</sup> Local Number Portability Administrator Transition Outreach and Education Plan webcast and the LNPA Transition Contingency Rollback Planning Session will be held on August 16, 2017. The TOEP will start at 3:00 pm EDT, and the LNPA Session will start at 4:00 pm. Interested parties may register for the webcast by visiting: [https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1157855&tp\\_key=0441cb5f47](https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1157855&tp_key=0441cb5f47), and can register for the LNPA Session teleconference at: [https://pwc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0d1ajKXAYeW9afP](https://pwc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0d1ajKXAYeW9afP).
- Neustar filed a copy of its [Voting Trust Agreement](#) on August 10, 2017, in accordance with the August 4, 2017 [Memorandum Opinion and Order](#) that approved Neustar's [request](#) for a change of its ownership to Aerial Investors, which is ultimately controlled by Golden Gate Private Equity.

- Telcordia d/b/a/ iconectiv filed a copy of its revised [Voting Trust and Code of Conduct](#) on August 11, 2017, in accordance with the August 4, 2017 [Memorandum Opinion and Order](#) that approved modifications to the LNP Administrator Code of Conduct and the Ericsson Voting Trust, as well as the minority investment by FP Icon Holdings, as requested by iconectiv.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on August 11, 2017, seeking comment on OpenSIP.com's application seeking authorization to obtain North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators for its iVoip service. The Bureau issued another [Public Notice](#) seeking comments on BLUP's similar application. Comments on both notices are due August 28, 2017.

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### Upcoming Filing Dates

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- Aug. 21 - Comments due on the [NPRM](#) that proposes to amend the Caller ID rules to allow disclosure of blocked Caller ID information to aid law enforcement in investigating threatening calls. Replies are due September 19. [Notice](#)
- Aug. 21 - PRA comments due on an information collection (Forms 183 and 184) that will be used to determine if applicants are eligible to participate in auctions for USF support, including the CAF Phase II auction, the Mobility Fund II auction, the Tribal Mobility Fund Phase II, and the Remote Areas Fund. [Notice](#)
- Aug. 21 - PRA comments due on a revised information collection associated with the Tariff Review Plans. The revision is pursuant to the April 20, 2017 BDS Order, which detariffed certain business data services and modified the regulatory obligations for those BDS services that will remain tariffed. [Notice](#)
- Aug. 21 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with changes made in a 1999 Order that permitted price cap LECs to introduce new services on a streamlined basis, without prior approval or cost support requirements. [Notice](#)
- Aug. 21 - Replies due on Alaska Communications Systems' [Petition](#) requesting a ruling that GCI or its relevant subsidiary, a CLEC, be treated going forward as the sole incumbent LEC in the study area currently served by ACS of Anchorage, and to rule ACS of Anchorage is no longer a dominant carrier and shall cease to be treated as an ILEC in that study area. [Public Notice](#)
- Aug. 22 - Replies due on the [NOI](#) on ways to facilitate greater consumer choice and enhance broadband deployment in multiple tenant environments.
- Aug. 28 - Comments due on the [Second FNPRM](#) on rural call completion. Replies are due September 25, 2017. [Notice](#)

- Aug. 28 - Comments due on the [Second Notice of Inquiry](#) that explores methods by which reassigned telephone number data could be made available to callers to avoid making unwanted calls to consumers. Replies due Sept. 26.
- Aug. 28 - Comments due on OpenSIP.com's and BluIP's separate applications seeking authorization to obtain North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators for their iVoIP service. [Public Notice](#), [Public Notice](#)
- Aug. 30 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) proposing: to return internet broadband access service to the classification of Title I information service; to return to the FCC's original classification of mobile broadband internet access service as a private mobile service; and seeks comment on the existing rules governing ISPs' practices. [Order](#)
- Aug. 31 - PRA comments due on an information collection associated with new FCC Form 5625, which will be used to determine New York State's winning bidders' abilities to meet the terms and conditions of CAF Phase II support. [Notice](#)
- Sept. 5 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved information collection associated with the April 28, 2017 [Report and Order](#) that reformed the business data services/special access regulations for incumbent and competitive LECs. [Notice](#)
- Sept. 7 - Comments due on a [Thirteenth Section 706 Report Notice of Inquiry](#) on the appropriate metrics and benchmarks by which to measure the deployment of both fixed and mobile services in order to evaluate the extent to which American consumers have access to advanced telecommunications capabilities. Replies due September 22, 2017.
- Sept. 8 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) that proposes to eliminate the requirement that payphone operators conduct annual audits. [FR](#)
- Sept. 11 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with the FCC's Electronic Tariff Filing System. As of June 2011, all ILECs and CLECs were required to file tariff filings electronically. [Notice](#)
- Sept. 11 - Comments due on a list of 13 rate-of-return study areas identified as potentially having 100 percent overlapped by an unsubsidized competitor or combination of unsubsidized competitors. Replies are due October 10. [Public Notice](#)
- Sept. 11 - PRA comments due on a new information collection associated with changes made in the FCC's February 2017 Part 32 Report and Order. [Notice](#)
- Sept. 11 - Comments due on a computer matching program the Commission and USAC will conduct with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the Lifeline program. [Notice](#)
- Sept. 13 - Comments due on the [NPRM](#) that proposes to amend rules to prohibit carriers from misrepresenting themselves when placing telemarketing sales calls to consumers and placing unauthorized charges on their phone bills (slamming and cramming). Replies are due October 13, 2017. [Notice](#)
- Sept. 13 - Replies due on the [NOI](#) on methods to authenticate telephone calls against illegal robocallers.
- Sept. 18 - Comments due on the proposed application and bidding procedures for the auction, including how interested parties can qualify to participate in the auction, how bidders will submit their bids, and how the FCC will process bids to determine the winners and support amounts. Replies due October 18, 2017. [Public Notice](#)

- Sept. 19 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) that proposes to amend the Caller ID rules to allow disclosure of blocked Caller ID information to aid law enforcement in investigating threatening calls. [Notice](#)
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- Sept. 26 - Replies due on the [Second Notice of Inquiry](#) that explores methods by which reassigned telephone number data could be made available to callers to avoid making unwanted calls to consumers.
- Oct. 2 - Comments due on the [Notice of Inquiry](#) on potential opportunities for additional flexible access in spectrum bands between 3.7 and 24 GHz, particularly for wireless broadband services. Replies are due November 1, 2017.
- Oct. 10 - Replies due on a list of 13 rate-of-return study areas identified as potentially having 100 percent overlapped by an unsubsidized competitor or combination of unsubsidized competitors. [Public Notice](#)
- Oct. 13 - Replies due on the [NPRM](#) that proposes to amend rules to prohibit carriers from misrepresenting themselves when placing telemarketing sales calls to consumers and placing unauthorized charges on their phone bills (slamming and cramming). [Notice](#)
- Oct. 18 - Replies due on the proposed application and bidding procedures for the auction, including how interested parties can qualify to participate in the auction, how bidders will submit their bids, and how the FCC will process bids to determine the winners and support amounts. [Public Notice](#)
- Nov. 1 - Replies due on the [Notice of Inquiry](#) on potential opportunities for additional flexible access in spectrum bands between 3.7 and 24 GHz, particularly for wireless broadband services. Replies are due November 1, 2017.

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