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October 29, 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Commission released six items adopted at its October 23, 2018 Open Meeting: including an [Order, FNPRM, and a second FNPRM](#) allowing certain RLECs that receive fixed high-cost support to transition from rate-of-return regulation to incentive regulation for their business data services. The FNPRM seeks comment on creating a pathway to end ex ante pricing regulation for the lower speed TDM-based transport services of RoR carriers opting into the incentive regulation framework. The second FNPRM addresses a remand in the Eighth Circuit Court's decision on the 2017 BDS rules by seeking comment on a proposal to remove pricing regulation of the TDM transport services of price cap carriers.
- The Wireline Bureau [released a list of rate-of-return carrier study areas](#) receiving fixed USF support that are deemed competitive for purposes of regulating the pricing of their lower speed TDM end user channel terminations and certain other lower speed TDM-based BDS pursuant to the above [Order](#).
- The FCC released the [tentative agenda](#) for its November 15, 2018 Open Meeting. It will consider eleven items, including a number of satellite items.
- Oppositions to Petitions for Reconsideration filed by [MTC](#), [Hughes](#), [Viasat](#), and jointly by [USTelecom](#), [ITTA and WISPA](#) of the Network Testing [Order are due](#) November 7, 2018.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau [announced](#) it has authorized Mechanicsville Telephone Company to receive additional A-CAM support, indicating Mechanicsville was inadvertently omitted from its July [Public Notice](#) that authorized 175 RoR companies to receive A-CAM support.
- Golden West Telecommunications and NTCA [encouraged](#) the Commission to adopt and implement USF reforms that will provide high-cost support that is both sufficient and predictable for each of the already-existing USF mechanisms, consistent with [the letter](#) submitted by NTCA and other rural advocates on October 1, 2018. USTelecom and Hargray Communications [discussed](#) how best to address ongoing concerns about the sufficiency and predictability of high-cost USF support, including proposals consistent with recent association letter. ITTA [discussed](#) A-CAM funding needs and attendant deployment obligations.
- California District Court [granted](#) a [stipulation](#) by plaintiffs and defendants for a temporary stay of litigation and agreement not to enforce [California SB 822](#) on net neutrality.
- The FCC [announced](#) OMB approval of the information collection associated with the point of contact requirements for covered providers adopted in the Commission's Rural Call Completion [Order](#). The amendments to section 64.2113 are effective October 24, 2018.
- The D.C. Circuit Court [denied](#) Blanca's [Petition for Review](#) of FCC orders that found Blanca improperly claimed millions of dollars in USF support.
- The FCC [announced](#) it has received final approvals for the new Office of Economics and Analytics.

Other Key Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 29 - Comments [due](#) on proposed approaches to identifying and resolving apparent discrepancies between the number of model-determined funded locations that Phase II auction support recipients are expected to serve and the actual number of locations that support recipients can serve. Replies are due November 13, 2018.

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Business Data Services

- The Commission released the [RoR BDS Order](#) adopted at the October 23, 2018 Open Meeting. The order allows certain RLECs that receive fixed high-cost support the opportunity to transition from rate-of-return regulation to incentive regulation for their business data services. For carriers that opt in, the order: provides an opportunity to move their legacy BDS to incentive regulation similar to the price cap regulation adopted in 2017; relieves their lower speed TDM-based end user channel terminations services of ex ante pricing regulation in areas deemed competitive by a competitive market test; eliminates ex ante pricing regulation for their higher speed TDM-based BDS (above DS3) and their packet-based BDS; and forbears from requiring electing carriers to comply with cost support, cost assignment and jurisdictional separations requirements. The FNPRM seeks comment on creating a pathway to ending ex ante pricing regulation for the lower speed TDM-based transport services of RoR carriers opting into the incentive regulation framework. The second FNPRM addresses a remand in the Eighth Circuit Court's decision on the 2017 BDS rules by seeking comment on a proposal to remove pricing regulation of the TDM transport services of price cap carriers.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau released [a Public Notice](#) on October 25, 2018, announcing the release of [a list of rate-of-return carrier study areas](#) receiving fixed USF support that are deemed competitive for purposes of regulating the pricing of their lower speed (DS3 and below) TDM end user channel terminations and certain other lower speed TDM-based BDS pursuant to the [RoR Business Data Services Order](#). It indicated a study area is deemed competitive if the Form 477 data demonstrates that a cable operator not affiliated with the RoR carrier offers a minimum 10 Mbps/1 Mbps broadband service in 75% of census blocks. In study areas deemed competitive, the lower capacity TDM end user channel terminations will no longer be subject to ex ante pricing regulation on the effective date of the carrier's election.
- ILEC Intervenor USTelecom, AT&T, and CenturyLink filed a [response](#) in support of the FCC's [motion](#) to stay the Eighth Circuit Court's [mandate](#) pending remand proceedings in the appeal of the 2017 Business Data Services [Report and Order](#). The FCC said a stay will avoid extensive and unnecessary disruption in the BDS market while the agency addresses on remand the notice issue the Court identified with respect to one portion of a complex and interconnected order. USTelecom et al. said on remand, the FCC will likely re-adopt and successfully justify the same transport rule that the court found unlawful and argued issuing the mandate during the remand would be highly disruptive and cause intervenors irreparable harm.

USF Reform

- The FCC published a [Notice](#) in the Federal Register on October 23, 2018, to announce oppositions to Petitions for Reconsideration filed by [Micronesian Telecommunications](#), [Hughes](#), [Viasat](#), and jointly by [USTelecom](#), [ITTA](#) and [WISPA](#) of the Network Testing [Order](#) are due November 7, 2018. Replies are due November 19, 2018.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on October 24, 2018, to announce it has authorized Mechanicsville Telephone Company to receive additional A-CAM support, indicating Mechanicsville was inadvertently omitted from its July [Public Notice](#) that authorized 175 RoR companies to receive A-CAM support. The Bureau also said the appendix to this Public Notice shows the revised authorization amount and deployment obligations for Mechanicsville and updates the summary report showing the state-level amounts of model-based support and associated deployment obligations for all carriers that have been authorized to receive model-based support, to reflect Mechanicsville's revised authorization.
- Golden West Telecommunications and NTCA [met separately with](#) Advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioners Carr, Rosenworcel, and O'Rielly and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on October 24, 2018, to encourage the Commission to adopt and implement a set of reforms that will provide high-cost support that is both sufficient and predictable for each of the already-existing USF mechanisms and continue to promote effective and responsible use of USF resources going forward, consistent with [the letter](#) submitted by NTCA and other rural advocates on October 1, 2018. They also discussed the need

to ensure the sustainability of any budgets adopted to provide proper incentives to invest in long-term broadband assets and promote broadband for rural consumers.

- USTelecom and Hargray Communications [met with](#) Commissioner O’Rielly’s Legal Advisor and intern on October 23, 2018, to discuss how best to address ongoing concerns about the sufficiency and predictability of high-cost USF support, including proposals consistent with a letter recently submitted by the associations. Hargray discussed how the current budget control mechanism effects its ability to plan for CapEx investment both in the near term and in the future.

ITTA [met with](#) Commissioner Rosenworcel’s Legal Advisor on October 18, 2018, to discuss A-CAM funding needs and attendant deployment obligations. It reiterated that the Commission should fully fund separate budgets for the A-CAM program and legacy support mechanisms, as well as evaluate sums required for CAF ICC support separate from the budgets for the A-CAM program and legacy mechanisms. It claimed funding participants in the A-CAM program to \$200 per eligible location and fully funding the legacy mechanisms would have a de minimis impact on consumers’ bills.

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- Windstream [met separately with](#) Commissioners Carr and O’Rielly and their Advisors, and Advisors to Chairman Pai and Commissioner Rosenworcel on October 18, 2018, to discuss USTelecom’s Petition for Forbearance and 8YY access arbitrage. Windstream described its continued support for the deal reached among USTelecom members on unbundled network elements forbearance, highlighted its concerns around the ability of some of the CAF Phase II auction winning bidders to fulfill their deployment obligations, and reiterated that the Commission’s proposal to move all originating 8YY access charges to bill-and-keep would result in a windfall to large 8YY providers and shift costs to consumers.
- Intelliquent [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on October 17, 2018, to discuss the Access Arbitrage [NPRM](#), suggesting the Commission address this problem by requiring access stimulating LECs to pay the costs of receiving traffic. It also discussed its proposal to cap mileage charges by access stimulating LECs to ten miles and adopt a national capped rate for tandem switching and common transport. Intelliquent discussed a call-blocking scheme of high-volume calling platforms that results in calls being routed through the calling platform’s affiliated intermediate provider, and suggested the Commission: state that the intentional blocking or rejecting of calls for the purpose of financial gain is unlawful and require the LEC serving the calling platform to investigate and promptly stop large-scale rejection or blocking of traffic by one of its customers; and clarify that IXCs and intermediate providers that successfully hand off traffic to a tandem designated by a LEC in the LERG have met their call completion duties.
- The D.C. Circuit Court issued [an Order](#) on October 23, 2018, denying Sandwich Islands Communications’ [Petition for Review](#) of the FCC’s December 2016 [Order](#) that reversed the Wireline Competition Bureau’s determination that SIC was entitled to recover half the lease expenses for the Paniolo Cable through NECA’s pooling process. The court said Sandwich Isles failed to identify any defect in the Commission’s Order rendering it arbitrary and capricious.

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Open Internet

- The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California issued an [Order](#) on October 26, 2018, granting a [stipulation](#) by plaintiffs [U.S. Department of Justice](#) and [ACA, et al.](#) and defendants the State of California, et al. for a temporary stay of litigation and agreement not to enforce [California Senate Bill 822](#). The Order said defendants agreed they shall not take any action to enforce, or direct the enforcement of, the bill in any respect, including through participation in any private action seeking to enforce the bill. The Court held that further proceedings shall be stayed until: the D.C. Circuit issues its opinion in the pending *Mozilla v. FCC* case and the period for seeking further review from the D.C.

Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court has expired; or a final decision has been issued by the D.C. Circuit or the U.S. Supreme Court in response to any petition for rehearing or certiorari either denying such petition or issuing a final decision.

Broadband

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on October 25, 2018, to announce deadlines for oppositions and replies for [petitions for reconsideration](#) the [Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Order and Declaratory Ruling](#). The Bureau said oppositions to the petitions are due on November 9, 2018; replies to oppositions are due on November 19, 2018.
- American Electric Power Corporation, et al. filed a [Petition for Review](#) with the Eleventh Circuit Court on October 19, 2018, of the August 3, 2018 [Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling](#) that allowed one-touch make-ready for most pole attachments, made further reforms to the pole attachment process, and concluded section 253(a) prohibits state and local moratoria on telecommunications facilities deployment. Petitioners claimed they are adversely affected by certain pole attachment rules and guidelines in the Order.
- ACA [met with](#) Chairman Pai's Legal Advisor and Wireline Competition Bureau staff on October 17, 2018, to discuss benefits and costs of various methods by which smaller cable operators that provide broadband service could collect and report on Form 477 broadband deployment data on a more granular basis. ACA said reporting broadband deployment information on a street segment basis adequately balances competing interests, and suggested it can be implemented relatively quickly and would be far less burdensome than other options to obtain more granular data, such as requiring reporting on an individual address basis.
- WISPA filed a [letter](#) on October 22, 2018, to provide additional information on the collection of more granular level data from fixed wireless broadband providers in connection with the modernization of FCC Form 477. WISPA provided a proposal describing a two-pronged deployment reporting approach that reflects the unique characteristics of the fixed wireless industry, claiming its proposed two-pronged process for the submission of geospatial data using more uniform parameters accommodates small, mid-sized and large providers and meets the need for more granular data in all areas of the country, especially rural and other unserved or underserved areas.
- The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Government filed [comments](#) on the NOI on Section 706 broadband speed and deployment on tribal lands. It said tribal lands should be treated separate from the census blocks in which they reside and should be treated as their own organizational unit for purposes of determining broadband coverage. It also said, among other things, that ETCs that receive FCC funds for deployment of services in census blocks that contain tribal lands must be prohibited from passing over deployment on tribal lands.
- The Wireless Infrastructure Association [met with](#) Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff on October 18, 2018, to ask the Commission to harmonize the differing rules that apply to compound expansions, noting its members continue to face regulatory hurdles when applying for Eligible Facilities Requests under Section 6409 of the Spectrum Act. It also answered questions relating to barriers to deployment and urged the Commission to use its authority to continue to streamline wireless infrastructure deployment.

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Call Completion

- The FCC published a [Notice](#) in the Federal Register on October 23, 2018, to announce OMB approval of the information collection associated with the point of contact requirements for covered providers adopted in the Commission's Rural Call Completion Second Report and [Order](#). The amendments to section 64.2113 are effective October 24, 2018.

Universal Service

- The D.C. Circuit Court released an [Order](#) on October 25, 2018, denying Blanca's [Petition for Review](#) of FCC orders that found Blanca improperly claimed millions of dollars in USF support. The Court ruled because Blanca has a [Motion for Reconsideration](#) pending before the FCC, this renders the FCC's demand letter and FCC orders nonfinal, and the Court lacks jurisdiction to consider Blanca's Petition for Review.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on October 26, 2018, seeking comments on the applicability of the [John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019](#) to the Commission's Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain rulemaking and to the programs the Commission oversees. It stated Section 889(b)(1) of the 2019 NDAA prohibits the head of an executive agency from obligating or expending "loan or grant funds to procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems" "that use[] covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system." The 2019 NDAA defines "covered telecommunications equipment or services" as: telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities; video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities; telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country. Comments are due November 16, 2018; reply comments are due December 7, 2018.
- The FCC released a [Notice of Apparent Liability and Forfeiture](#) on October 25, 2018, which was adopted at its October 23, 2018, Open Meeting, proposing a \$63,463,500 forfeiture penalty against American Broadband & Telecommunications Company for apparently violating the Commission's rules governing the federal Lifeline program. The Commission alleged American Broadband apparently created, then sought and obtained, Lifeline support for ineligible or duplicate Lifeline accounts; sought and obtained Lifeline support for deceased individuals; repeatedly filed Forms 497 seeking Lifeline support; and failed to de-enroll ineligible subscribers that it knew or should have known were ineligible to receive Lifeline support.
- Hughes Network Systems filed a [letter](#) on October 23, 2018, to discuss developing a non-auction procedure for the expedient distribution of Stage 2 funding from the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and the Connect USVI Fund. Hughes asserted if the Commission adopts a non-auction procedure to distribute the PR/USVI Funds, it must ensure the procedures maintain the levels of objectivity and impartiality that an auction would provide, and suggested the Commission adopt a clear, unambiguous scoring rubric, based on and weighted according to the Commission's stated objectives in the PR/USVI Fund NPRM.
- Broadband VI [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on October 22, 2018, to discuss Stage 2 funding for Puerto Rico and the USVI. BBVI argued the longer-term Stage 2 support funding should be awarded on a competitive basis and limited to network operators serving the USVI prior to the hurricanes. BBVI also stressed the entire USVI should be treated as the geographic area for purposes of awarding support and discussed the importance of having alternatives to a required letter-of-credit given the difficulty of obtaining such credit on the USVI.
- Mid-Hudson Data Corp filed a [Petition](#) on October 22, 2018, seeking ETC designation in the State of New York in all areas in which it has been awarded CAF Phase II support via the New NY Broadband Program. Mid-Hudson said it was awarded support to serve 459 locations in New York through a combination of private, state, and CAF support, and under the terms of the FCC Order allocating

unclaimed New York State CAF funding, Mid-Hudson's receipt of federal CAF support requires the company to obtain certification as an ETC

- Plains Internet filed a [petition](#) on October 17, 2018, seeking ETC designation in New Mexico for the purpose of receiving CAF Phase II support. Plains Internet was awarded the support via Auction 903 and requested expedited action to conform to the requirement that winning bidders obtain ETC designation.
- [NTUA Wireless](#) and [CenturyLink](#) filed reply comments on October 24, 2018, on petitions seeking ETC designation for CAF Phase II support. NTUA Wireless said the Commission has the authority to expand its ETC designation under section 214(e)(6), and it meets all the statutory and regulatory requirements for expansion of its designation for CAF Phase II funding eligibility. Century Link discussed petitions filed by Fond Du Lac Communications and Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries, dba Wind River Internet, and said it has service territory within these areas. CenturyLink said while it does not oppose either petition, where the Commission designates these carriers as high-cost ETCs within CenturyLink service areas, CenturyLink is relieved of its high-cost ETC obligations. CenturyLink also said with respect to the FDLCI Petition, it is concerned it may be necessary to relieve CenturyLink from CAF II deployment obligations with respect to the number of CAF II eligible locations it has on the Fond Du Lac Reservation to avoid the inefficient use of federal and state funding to deploy duplicative broadband-capable networks in an area. [Public Notice](#)
- NTTA filed a [letter](#) on October 25, 2018, to propose a Tribal Area Solution for addressing the digital divide that currently exists between rural Tribal areas and the rest of the United States. NTTA said the proposal recommends revisions to existing federal support mechanisms for carriers serving predominantly rural Tribal areas and urged the Commission and other stakeholders to comprehensively address the associated issues surrounding broadband affordability and adoption.
- The Office of Native Affairs and Policy and the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on October 24, 2018, to announce an upcoming conference call for tribal governments on the [Notice of Inquiry](#) on creating a USF pilot program to promote the use of telehealth services among low-income Americans. The call will be open to all tribal governments, members, and organizations to provide an overview of and answer questions about the NOI. The call is scheduled for November 1, 2018, at 2 p.m. EST.
- CenturyLink, AT&T, and USTelecom [met with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on October 18, 2018, to discuss the proposed Eligible Services List for the E-rate program for funding year 2019. They focused on the need for clarification of the definition of, and/or treatment by USAC of, "Leased Lit Fiber." They said categorizing "managed end-to-end services" or "finished services" as "Leased Lit Fiber" is not the preferred course of action since it creates inconsistencies, ambiguity, and generates a source of needless confusion for E-Rate program applicants. They recommended the Commission establish an appropriate service category for Category One "Finished Services."
- The Pew Research Center [released](#) an [analysis](#) of 2015 U.S. Census Bureau data, which it says shows 15 percent of U.S. households with school-age children do not have a high-speed internet connection at home and school-age children in lower-income households are especially likely to lack broadband access. Pew Research also said roughly one-third of households with children ages 6 to 17 and whose annual income falls below \$30,000 a year do not have a high-speed internet connection at home, compared with just 6 percent of such households earning \$75,000 or more a year. Commissioner Rosenworcel issued a [statement](#) on the data.

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- The Commission released the following items adopted at its October 23, 2018 Open Meeting: an [Order, FNPRM, and a second FNPRM](#) allowing certain RLECs that receive fixed high-cost support the

opportunity to transition from rate-of-return regulation to incentive regulation for their business data services; an [FNPRM and Report and Order](#) to modernize cable television rate regulations; a [Report and Order](#) that makes changes to the Citizens Broadband Radio Service in 3.5 GHz band to increase incentives for innovation and investment, including for mobile 5G services; an [NPRM](#) that proposes more spectrum for broadband by allowing new unlicensed uses of the 5.925-7.125 GHz band; a [Report and Order](#) that eliminates the requirement for broadcast stations to file paper copies of contracts and other documents with the FCC; and a [Notice of Apparent Liability and Forfeiture](#) proposing a \$63,465,500 fine against American Broadband and Telecommunications Company for Lifeline violations.

- The FCC released on October 25, 2018, the [tentative agenda](#) for its November 15, 2018 Open Meeting. The Commission will consider: [an Order](#) that addresses waivers of certain satellite licensing requirements for receive-only earth stations operating with the Galileo Radionavigation-Satellite Service; [an NPRM](#) addressing updates to the orbital debris rules for all Commission-authorized satellites; [an NPRM](#) addressing rules to facilitate the deployment of non-geostationary-orbit fixed-satellite service earth stations that transmit while in motion; a [Memorandum Opinion, Order, and Authorization](#) that would grant SpaceX's request to deploy and operate a proposed non-geostationary constellation to provide broadband services around the world.; [an Order and Declaratory Ruling](#) that would grant Kepler's request for U.S. market access to offer global connectivity for the Internet of Things using a proposed constellation of non-geostationary orbit satellites; an [Order and Declaratory Ruling](#) that would grant Telesat's request to access the U.S. market to provide broadband services using a proposed constellation of non-geostationary orbit satellites; an [Order and Declaratory Ruling](#) that would grant LeoSat's request for U.S. market access to provide satellite broadband services using a proposed constellation of non-geostationary orbit satellites; [an NPRM](#) addressing streamlining of space and earth station licensing rules.; an [NPRM](#) to align the DBS licensing procedures with those of the geostationary fixed-satellite service.; a [Report and Order](#) that would modernize consumer notice provisions in Part 76 governing multichannel video and cable television service; and a [Report and Order](#) that would replace requirements for wireless service providers to report annually on their offerings of hearing aid-compatible handsets with a requirement to provide enhanced information on their websites and to certify compliance annually.
- The FCC published a [Notice](#) in the Federal Register on October 23, 2018, to announce the rules revised in the Toll Free Numbering [Report and Order](#) will be effective November 23, 2018.
- Ontario Systems [met with](#) Eric Burger of the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis on October 24, 2018, to discuss the FCC's current proposal to create a reassigned numbers database. It noted there are commercial offerings that currently try to solve the same issue the FCC is seeking to address with this database and asserted the FCC's solution would better accomplish its goal if a safe harbor against TCPA litigation is created for those responsible callers that use the FCC database. It claimed if such a safe harbor is not created, the proposed database would not warrant the technology investment to integrate to a new solution.
- The Commission issued a [Public Notice](#) on October 24, 2018, to announce the appointment of nineteen tribal members and eight FCC members to the FCC's renewed Native Nations Communications Task Force. The task force is comprised of elected and appointed leaders, or their designees, from a broad cross section of Native Nations, as well as senior staff and decision-makers from across the Commission. The task force will help the Commission fulfill its commitment to increase access to broadband and other communications infrastructure deployment and services on tribal lands
- The FCC issued a [Public Notice](#) on October 24, 2018, to announce a two-day Tribal Workshop. The workshop will include: an introduction to the Commission; a presentation on the results of the recent CAF Phase II auction; and a status report on the upcoming Mobility Fund Phase II auction. The workshop will be held November 14 and 15, 2018, on the Nez Pearce Reservation in Lewiston, Idaho.
- The Commission issued a [Public Notice](#) on October 22, 2018, to announce the Report and Order and Order opening up new channels in the 800 MHz Private Land Mobile Radio band, eliminating outdated rules, and reducing administrative burdens on PLMR licensees has been adopted and therefore deleted from the list of items scheduled for consideration at the October 23, 2018 Open Meeting.

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) on October 24, 2017, seeking comments on Consolidated Long Distance's application seeking authorization to obtain North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators for its iVoip service. Comments are due November 8, 2018.
- The FCC published a [notice](#) in the Federal Register on October 25, 2018, seeking PRA comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection regarding section 51.803, Procedures for Commission Notification of a State Commission's Failure to Act and Supplemental Procedures for Petitions Pursuant to section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The notice listed the procedures required to file a petition for preemption. PRA comments are due December 24, 2018.
- The FCC [announced](#) on October 25, 2018, it has received final approvals for the new Office of Economics and Analytics. The Commission said OEA will bring together FCC economists, data professionals, and attorneys from across the agency, enabling them to work closely to improve economic analysis and data usage in agency proceedings.

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Upcoming Filing Dates

- Oct. 29 - Comments due on whether the rules adopted in 2005-2006 should be continued without change, amended, or rescinded, consistent with the stated objective of section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. [Public Notice](#) | [Federal Register](#)
- Oct. 29 - Replies due for the FCC's report on promoting broadband internet access service for veterans. [Public Notice](#)
- Oct. 29 - Comments due on proposed approaches to identifying and resolving apparent discrepancies between the number of model-determined funded locations that Phase II auction support recipients are expected to serve and the actual number of locations that support recipients can serve. Reply comments are due November 13, 2018. [Public Notice FR](#)
- Oct. 31 - Comments due on Electric Lightwave, d/b/a Allstream's application for interconnected VoIP numbering authorization. [Public Notice](#)
- Nov. 2 - Comments due on applications filed by Townes Telecommunications, Tatum Telephone Company, Electra Telephone Company, and Hilliary Acquisition Corp requesting Commission approval for the transfer of control of TTI's direct subsidiaries, Tatum and Electra, to Hilliary. Reply comments are due November 9, 2018. [Public Notice](#)
- Nov. 7 – Oppositions due to Petitions for Reconsideration of the Network Testing [Order](#). Replies are due November 19 [FR](#)
- Nov. 8 - Comments due on Consolidated Long Distance's application seeking authorization to obtain North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators for its iVoIP service. [Public Notice](#)
- Nov. 9 - Oppositions due to [petitions for reconsideration](#) the [Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Order and Declaratory Ruling](#). Replies to oppositions are due November 19, 2018. [Public Notice](#)
- Nov. 9 - Replies due on applications filed by Townes Telecommunications, Tatum Telephone Company, Electra Telephone Company, and Hilliary Acquisition Corp requesting Commission approval for the transfer of control of TTI's direct subsidiaries, Tatum and Electra, to Hilliary. [Public Notice](#)

- Nov. 13 - Reply comments due on proposed approaches to identifying and resolving apparent discrepancies between the number of model-determined funded locations that Phase II auction support recipients are expected to serve and the actual number of locations that support recipients can serve. [Public Notice FR](#)
- Nov. 14 - PRA comments due on revisions to currently approved information collections associated with sections 214, 222(e) and 251. [FR](#)
- Nov. 16 - Comments due on the [Public Notice](#) requesting comments on whether certain docketed proceedings listed in the attachment to the Public Notice should be terminated as dormant. Replies due December 3, 2018. [FR](#)
- Nov. 16 - Comments due on the applicability of the [John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019](#) to the FCC's Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain rulemaking and to the programs the Commission oversees. Replies are due December 7, 2018. [Public Notice](#)
- Nov. 19 - PRA comments due on a new information collection to establish an intermediate provider registry. [Notice](#)
- Nov. 19 - Replies due to oppositions to [petitions for reconsideration](#) the [Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Order and Declaratory Ruling](#). [Public Notice](#)
- Nov. 19 - Replies due to Petitions for Reconsideration of the Network Testing [Order](#). [FR](#)
- Dec. 3 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with FCC Forms 492 and 492-A, Rate-of-Return Monitoring Reports. [Notice](#)
- Dec. 3 - Replies due on the [Public Notice](#) requesting comments on whether certain docketed proceedings listed in the attachment to the Public Notice should be terminated as dormant. [FR](#)
- Dec. 7 - Replies due on the applicability of the [John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019](#) to the FCC's Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain rulemaking and to the programs the Commission oversees. [Public Notice](#)
- Dec. 10 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with Part 64 pay-per-call rules. [Notice](#)
- December 24 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection regarding section 51.803, Procedures for Commission Notification of a State Commission's Failure to Act and Supplemental Procedures for Petitions Pursuant to section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. [FR](#)

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