

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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**Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions—Spring 2021**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** Twice a year, in spring and fall, the Commission publishes in the **Federal Register** a list in the Unified Agenda of those major items and other significant proceedings under development or review that pertain to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (U.S.C. 602). The Unified Agenda also provides the Code of Federal Regulations citations and legal authorities that govern these proceedings. The complete Unified Agenda will be published on the internet in a searchable format at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Unified Agenda of Major and Other Significant Proceedings**

The Commission encourages public participation in its rulemaking process. To help keep the public informed of significant rulemaking proceedings, the Commission has prepared a list of important proceedings now in progress. The General Services Administration publishes the Unified Agenda in the **Federal Register** in the spring and fall of each year.

The following terms may clarify the status of the proceedings included in this report:

**Docket Number**—assigned to a proceeding if the Commission has issued either a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or a Notice of Inquiry concerning the matter under consideration. The Commission has used docket numbers since January 1, 1978. Docket numbers consist of the last two digits of the calendar year in which the docket was established plus a sequential number that begins at 1 with the first docket initiated during a calendar year (e.g., Docket No. 15-1 or Docket No. 17-1). The abbreviation for the responsible bureau usually precedes the docket number, as in “MB Docket No. 17-289,” which indicates that the responsible bureau is the Media Bureau. A docket number consisting of only five digits (e.g., Docket No. 29622) indicates that the docket was established before January 1, 1978.

**Notice of Inquiry (NOI)**—issued by the Commission when it is seeking information on a broad subject or trying to generate ideas on a given topic. A comment period is specified during which all interested parties may submit comments.

**Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)**—issued by the Commission when it is proposing a specific change to Commission rules and regulations. Before any changes are made, interested parties may submit written comments on the proposed revisions.

**Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)**—issued by the Commission when additional comment in the proceeding is sought.

**Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O)**—issued by the Commission to deny a petition for rulemaking, conclude an inquiry, modify a decision, or address a petition for reconsideration of a decision.

**Rulemaking (RM) Number**—assigned to a proceeding after the appropriate bureau or office has reviewed a petition for rulemaking, but before the Commission has acted on the petition.

**Report and Order (R&O)**—issued by the Commission to state a new or amended rule or state that the Commission rules and regulations will not be revised.

Dated: March 2, 2021.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**  
*Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.*

**CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS**

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
300 .....	Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) of 1991 (CG Docket No. 02-278).	3060-AI14
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303 .....	Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services; CG Docket No. 13-24.	3060-AK01
304 .....	Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls (CG Docket No. 17-59) .....	3060-AK62

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305 .....	Development of Nationwide Broadband Data to Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans.	3060-AJ15
306 .....	Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions (GN Docket No. 12-268).	3060-AJ82

**OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY—LONG-TERM ACTIONS**

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308 .....	Spectrum Horizon (ET Docket No. 18–21) .....	3060–AK81
309 .....	Use of the 5.850–5.925 GHz Band (ET Docket No. 19–138) .....	3060–AK96
310 .....	Allowing Earlier Equipment Marketing and Importation Opportunities; Petition to Expand Marketing Opportunities for Innovative Technologies (ET Docket No. 20–382 & RM–11857) NPRM, 86 FR 2337, January 1.	3060–AL18
311 .....	Unlicensed White Space Device Operations in the Television Bands (ET Docket No. 20–36) .....	3060–AL22

## OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY—COMPLETED ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
312 .....	Unlicensed White Space Device Operations in the Television Bands (ET Docket No. 20–36) .....	3060–AL17

## INTERNATIONAL BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

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313 .....	International Settlements Policy Reform (IB Docket No. 11–80) .....	3060–AJ77
314 .....	Update to Parts 2 and 25 Concerning NonGeostationary, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems, and Related Matters: IB Docket No. 16–408.	3060–AK59
315 .....	Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the FCC Rules to Facilitate the Use of Earth Stations in Motion Communicating With Geostationary Orbit Space Stations in FSS Bands: IB Docket No. 17–95.	3060–AK84
316 .....	Further Streamlining Part 25 Rules Governing Satellite Services: IB Docket No. 18–314 .....	3060–AK87
317 .....	Facilitating the Communications of Earth Stations in Motion With Non-Geostationary Orbit Space Stations: IB Docket No. 18–315.	3060–AK89
318 .....	Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age: IB Docket No. 18–313 .....	3060–AK90
319 .....	Process Reform for Executive Branch Review of Certain FCC Applications and Petitions Involving Foreign Ownership (IB Docket No. 16–155).	3060–AL12

## MEDIA BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
320 .....	Revision of EEO Rules and Policies (MM Docket No. 98–204) .....	3060–AH95
321 .....	Establishment of Rules for Digital Low-Power Television, Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations (MB Docket No. 03–185).	3060–AL38
322 .....	Amendment of the Commission’s Rules Related to Retransmission Consent (MB Docket No. 10–71) .....	3060–AJ55
323 .....	Preserving Vacant Channels in the UHF Television Band for Unlicensed Use; (MB Docket No. 15–146) ...	3060–AK43
324 .....	Authorizing Permissive Use of the “Next Generation” Broadcast Television Standard (GN Docket No. 16–142).	3060–AK56
325 .....	2018 Quadrennial Regulatory Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules (MB Docket 18–349).	3060–AK77
326 .....	Children’s Television Programming Rules (MB Docket 18–202) .....	3060–AK78
327 .....	Equal Employment Opportunity Enforcement (MB Docket 19–177) .....	3060–AK86
328 .....	Revision of the Commission’s Part 76 Review Procedures (MB Docket No. 20–70) .....	3060–AL08
329 .....	Duplication of Programming on Commonly Owned Radio Stations (MB Docket No. 19–310) .....	3060–AL19
330 .....	Sponsorship Identification Requirements for Foreign Government-Provided Programming (MB Docket No. 20–299).	3060–AL20
331 .....	FM Broadcast Booster Stations (MB Docket 20–401) .....	3060–AL21

## OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
332 .....	Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees .....	3060–AK64

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
333 .....	Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements: PS Docket No. 07–114 .....	3060–AJ52

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS—Continued

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
334 .....	Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhancing Submarine Cable Outage Data; GN Docket No. 15–206.	3060–AK39
335 .....	Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications: PS Docket No. 15–80.	3060–AK40
336 .....	New Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; ET Docket No. 04–35	3060–AK41
337 .....	Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA): PS Docket No. 15–91. ....	3060–AK54
338 .....	Blue Alert EAS Event Code .....	3060–AK63

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
339 .....	Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90, and 95 of the Commission’s Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters (WT Docket No. 10–4).	3060–AJ87
340 .....	Amendment of the Commission’s Rules Governing Certain Aviation Ground Station Equipment (Squitter) (WT Docket Nos. 10–61 and 09–42).	3060–AJ88
341 .....	Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Wireless Contraband Device Use in Correctional Facilities; GN Docket No. 13–111.	3060–AK06
342 .....	Promoting Investment in the 3550–3700 MHz Band; GN Docket No. 17–258 .....	3060–AK12
343 .....	Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Services—Spectrum Frontiers: WT Docket 10–112 .....	3060–AK44
344 .....	Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band, WT Docket No.18–120. ....	3060–AK75
345 .....	Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band: GN Docket No. 18–122 .....	3060–AK76
346 .....	Amendment of the Commission’s Rules to Promote Aviation Safety: WT Docket No. 19–140 .....	3060–AK92

WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
347 .....	Local Telephone Networks That LECs Must Make Available to Competitors .....	3060–AH44
348 .....	Numbering Resource Optimization .....	3060–AH80
349 .....	Jurisdictional Separations .....	3060–AJ06
350 .....	Rural Call Completion; WC Docket No. 13–39 .....	3060–AJ89
351 .....	Comprehensive Review of the Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts (WC Docket No. 14–130) .....	3060–AK20
352 .....	Restoring Internet Freedom (WC Docket No. 17–108); Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet (GN Docket No. 14–28).	3060–AK21
353 .....	Technology Transitions; GN Docket No 13–5, WC Docket No. 05–25; Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment; WC Docket No. 17–84.	3060–AK32
354 .....	Implementation of the Universal Service Portions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act .....	3060–AK57
355 .....	Toll Free Assignment Modernization and Toll Free Service Access Codes: WC Docket No. 17–192, CC Docket No. 95–155.	3060–AK91
356 .....	Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; WC Docket Nos. 19–195 and 11–10 .....	3060–AK93
357 .....	Call Authentication Trust Anchor .....	3060–AL00
358 .....	Implementation of the National Suicide Improvement Act of 2018 .....	3060–AL01
359 .....	Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an Era of Next-Generation Networks and Services	3060–AL02
360 .....	Eliminating Ex Ante Pricing Regulation and Tariffing of Telephone Access Charges (WC Docket 20–71) ...	3060–AL03

WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU—COMPLETED ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
361 .....	Service Quality Measurement Plan for Interstate Special Access (WC Docket No. 02–112; CC Docket No. 00–175; WC Docket No. 06–120).	3060–AJ08

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**300. Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) of 1991 (CG Docket No. 02–278)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 227

*Abstract:* In this docket, the

Commission considers rules and policies to implement the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 (TCPA). The TCPA places requirements on robocalls (calls using an automatic telephone dialing system, an autodialer, a prerecorded or, an artificial voice), telemarketing calls, and unsolicited fax advertisements.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/08/02	67 FR 62667
FNPRM .....	04/03/03	68 FR 16250
Order .....	07/25/03	68 FR 44144
Order Effective .....	08/25/03	
Order on Reconsideration.	08/25/03	68 FR 50978
Order .....	10/14/03	68 FR 59130
FNPRM .....	03/31/04	69 FR 16873
Order .....	10/08/04	69 FR 60311
Order .....	10/28/04	69 FR 62816
Order on Reconsideration.	04/13/05	70 FR 19330
Order .....	06/30/05	70 FR 37705
NPRM .....	12/19/05	70 FR 75102
Public Notice .....	04/26/06	71 FR 24634
Order .....	05/03/06	71 FR 25967
NPRM .....	12/14/07	72 FR 71099
Declaratory Ruling	02/01/08	73 FR 6041
R&O .....	07/14/08	73 FR 40183
Order on Reconsideration.	10/30/08	73 FR 64556
NPRM .....	03/22/10	75 FR 13471
R&O .....	06/11/12	77 FR 34233
Public Notice .....	06/30/10	75 FR 34244
Public Notice (Reconsideration Petitions Filed).	10/03/12	77 FR 60343
Announcement of Effective Date.	10/16/12	77 FR 63240
Opposition End Date.	10/18/12	
Rule Corrections	11/08/12	77 FR 66935
Declaratory Ruling (release date).	11/29/12	
Declaratory Ruling (release date).	05/09/13	
Declaratory Ruling and Order.	10/09/15	80 FR 61129
NPRM .....	05/20/16	81 FR 31889
Declaratory Ruling	07/05/16	
R&O .....	11/16/16	81 FR 80594
Declaratory Ruling	12/06/19	
Declaratory Ruling	12/09/19	
Order .....	03/17/20	
Declaratory Ruling	03/20/20	
Declaratory Ruling	06/25/20	
Declaratory Ruling and Order.	06/25/20	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Order on Reconsideration.	08/28/20	
Declaratory Ruling	09/04/20	
Declaratory Ruling	09/21/20	
NPRM .....	10/09/20	85 FR 64091
Public Notice .....	12/17/20	
Declaratory Ruling	12/18/20	
Declaratory Ruling	01/15/21	
Order on Recon ..	02/12/21	86 FR 9299
R&O .....	02/25/21	86 FR 11443
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**301. Rules and Regulations Implementing Section 225 of the Communications Act (Telecommunications Relay Service) (CG Docket No. 03–123)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 225

*Abstract:* This proceeding continues the Commission’s inquiry into improving the quality of telecommunications relay service (TRS) and furthering the goal of functional equivalency, consistent with Congress’ mandate that TRS regulations encourage the use of existing technology and not discourage or impair the development of new technology. In this docket, the Commission explores ways to improve emergency preparedness for TRS facilities and services, new TRS technologies, public access to information and outreach, and issues related to payments from the Interstate TRS Fund.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	08/25/03	68 FR 50993
R&O, Order on Reconsideration.	09/01/04	69 FR 53346
FNPRM .....	09/01/04	69 FR 53382
Public Notice .....	02/17/05	70 FR 8034
Declaratory Ruling/Interpretation.	02/25/05	70 FR 9239
Public Notice .....	03/07/05	70 FR 10930
Order .....	03/23/05	70 FR 14568
Public Notice/Announcement of Date.	04/06/05	70 FR 17334
Order .....	07/01/05	70 FR 38134
Order on Reconsideration.	08/31/05	70 FR 51643
R&O .....	08/31/05	70 FR 51649
Order .....	09/14/05	70 FR 54294
Order .....	09/14/05	70 FR 54298

Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice .....	10/12/05	70 FR 59346
R&O/Order on Reconsideration.	12/23/05	70 FR 76208
Order .....	12/28/05	70 FR 76712
Order .....	12/29/05	70 FR 77052
NPRM .....	02/01/06	71 FR 5221
Declaratory Ruling/Clarification.	05/31/06	71 FR 30818
FNPRM .....	05/31/06	71 FR 30848
FNPRM .....	06/01/06	71 FR 31131
Declaratory Ruling/Dismissal of Petition.	06/21/06	71 FR 35553
Clarification .....	06/28/06	71 FR 36690
Declaratory Ruling on Reconsideration.	07/06/06	71 FR 38268
Order on Reconsideration.	08/16/06	71 FR 47141
MO&O .....	08/16/06	71 FR 47145
Clarification .....	08/23/06	71 FR 49380
FNPRM .....	09/13/06	71 FR 54009
Final Rule; Clarification.	02/14/07	72 FR 6960
Order .....	03/14/07	72 FR 11789
R&O .....	08/06/07	72 FR 43546
Public Notice .....	08/16/07	72 FR 46060
Order .....	11/01/07	72 FR 61813
Public Notice .....	01/04/08	73 FR 863
R&O/Declaratory Ruling.	01/17/08	73 FR 3197
Order .....	02/19/08	73 FR 9031
Order .....	04/21/08	73 FR 21347
R&O .....	04/21/08	73 FR 21252
Order .....	04/23/08	73 FR 21843
Public Notice .....	04/30/08	73 FR 23361
Order .....	05/15/08	73 FR 28057
Declaratory Ruling	07/08/08	73 FR 38928
FNPRM .....	07/18/08	73 FR 41307
R&O .....	07/18/08	73 FR 41286
Public Notice .....	08/01/08	73 FR 45006
Public Notice .....	08/05/08	73 FR 45354
Public Notice .....	10/10/08	73 FR 60172
Order .....	10/23/08	73 FR 63078
2nd R&O and Order on Reconsideration.	12/30/08	73 FR 79683
Order .....	05/06/09	74 FR 20892
Public Notice .....	05/07/09	74 FR 21364
NPRM .....	05/21/09	74 FR 23815
Public Notice .....	05/21/09	74 FR 23859
Public Notice .....	06/12/09	74 FR 28046
Order .....	07/29/09	74 FR 37624
Public Notice .....	08/07/09	74 FR 39699
Order .....	09/18/09	74 FR 47894
Order .....	10/26/09	74 FR 54913
Public Notice .....	05/12/10	75 FR 26701
Order Denying Stay Motion (Release Date).	07/09/10	
Order .....	08/13/10	75 FR 49491
Order .....	09/03/10	75 FR 54040
NPRM .....	11/02/10	75 FR 67333
NPRM .....	05/02/11	76 FR 24442
Order .....	07/25/11	76 FR 44326
Final Rule (Order)	09/27/11	76 FR 59551
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/22/11	76 FR 72124
Proposed Rule (Public Notice).	02/28/12	77 FR 11997
Proposed Rule (FNPRM).	02/01/12	77 FR 4948
First R&O .....	07/25/12	77 FR 43538

Action	Date	FR Cite	Action	Date	FR Cite	Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice .....	10/29/12	77 FR 65526	NOI and FNPRM	05/30/17		FNPRM Comment	04/02/21	
Order on Recon-	12/26/12	77 FR 75894	Comment Pe-			Period End.		
Order .....	02/05/13	78 FR 8030	R&O .....	04/13/17	82 FR 17754	Public Notice; Pe-	02/22/21	86 FR 10458
Order (Interim	02/05/13	78 FR 8032	R&O .....	04/27/17	82 FR 19322	ttition for Recon-		
Rule).			FNPRM .....	04/27/17	82 FR 19347	sideration.		
NPRM .....	02/05/13	78 FR 8090	FNPRM Comment	07/11/17		Oppositions Due	03/19/21	
Announcement of	03/07/13	78 FR 14701	Period End.			Date.		
Effective Date.			R&O .....	06/23/17	82 FR 28566	R&O .....	02/23/21	86 FR 10844
NPRM Comment	03/13/13		Public Notice .....	07/21/17	82 FR 33856	Next Action Unde-		
Period End.			Public Notice—	07/25/17	82 FR 34471	terminated.		
FNPRM .....	07/05/13	78 FR 40407	Correction.					
FNPRM Comment	09/18/13		Public Notice	07/31/17				
Period End.			Comment Pe-					
R&O .....	07/05/13	78 FR 40582	riod End.					
R&O .....	08/15/13	78 FR 49693	Public Notice—	08/17/17				
NPRM .....	08/15/13	78 FR 49717	Correction					
FNPRM Comment	09/30/13		Comment Pe-					
Period End.			riod End.					
R&O .....	08/30/13	78 FR 53684	R&O .....	08/22/17	82 FR 39673			
FNPRM .....	09/03/13	78 FR 54201	Announcement of	10/17/17	82 FR 48203			
NPRM .....	10/23/13	78FR 63152	Effective Date.					
FNPRM Comment	11/18/13		Public Notice; Pe-	10/25/17	82 FR 49303			
Period End.			ttition for Recon-					
Petition for Recon-	12/16/13	78 FR 76096	sideration.					
Request for Com-			Oppositions Due	11/20/17				
ment.			Date.					
Petition for Re-	12/16/13	78 FR 76097	R&O and Declara-	06/27/18	83 FR 30082			
consideration;			tory Ruling.					
Request for Com-			FNPRM .....	07/18/18	83 FR 33899			
ment.			FNPRM Comment	11/15/18				
Request for Clari-	12/30/13	78 FR 79362	Period End.					
fication; Re-			Public Notice .....	08/23/18	83 FR 42630			
quest for Com-			Public Notice Op-	09/17/18				
ment; Correc-			position Period					
tion.			End.					
Petition for Re-	01/10/14		Announcement of	02/04/19	84 FR 1409			
consideration			Effective Date.					
Comment Pe-			R&O .....	03/08/19	84 FR 8457			
riod End.			FNPRM .....	03/14/19	84 FR 9276			
NPRM Comment	01/21/14		FNPRM Comment	04/29/19				
Period End.			Period End.					
Announcement of	07/11/14	79 FR 40003	R&O .....	06/06/19	84 FR 26364			
Effective Date.			FNPRM .....	06/06/19	84 FR 26379			
Announcement of	08/28/14	79 FR 51446	Petition for Recon	06/18/19	84 FR 28264			
Effective Date.			Request for					
Correction—An-	08/28/14	79 FR 51450	Comment.					
ouncement of			Petition for Recon	07/15/19				
Effective Date.			Comment Pe-					
Technical Amend-	09/09/14	79 FR 53303	riod End.					
ments.			FNPRM Comment	08/05/19				
Public Notice .....	09/15/14	79 FR 54979	Period End.					
R&O and Order ...	10/21/14	79 FR 62875	R&O .....	01/06/20	85 FR 462	Declaratory Ruling	05/07/10	75 FR 25255
FNPRM .....	10/21/14	79 FR 62935	R&O .....	01/09/20	85 FR 1125	Declaratory Ruling	07/13/10	75 FR 39945
FNPRM Comment	12/22/14		NPRM .....	01/09/20	85 FR 1134	Order .....	07/13/10	75 FR 39859
Period End.			NPRM Comment	02/13/20		Notice of Inquiry ..	07/19/10	75 FR 41863
Final Action (An-	10/30/14	79 FR 64515	Period End.			NPRM .....	08/23/10	75 FR 51735
ouncement of			Announcement of	02/19/20	85 FR 9392	Interim Final Rule	02/15/11	76 FR 8659
Effective Date).			Effective Date.			Public Notice .....	03/02/11	76 R 11462
Final Rule Effec-	10/30/14		Final Rule; re-	05/06/20	85 FR 26857	R&O .....	05/02/11	76 FR 24393
tive.			moval of com-			FNPRM .....	05/02/11	76 FR 24437
FNPRM .....	11/08/15	80 FR 72029	pliance notices.			NPRM .....	05/02/11	76 FR 24442
FNPRM Comment	01/01/16		Report & Order ...	05/08/20	85 FR 27309	R&O (Correction)	05/27/11	76 FR 30841
Period End.			Final Rule; correc-	08/26/20	85 FR 52489	Order .....	07/25/11	76 FR 44326
Public Notice .....	01/20/16	81 FR 3085	tion.			2nd R&O .....	08/05/11	76 FR 47469
Public Notice	02/16/16		R&O and Order	10/14/20	85 FR 64971	Order (Interim	08/05/11	76 FR 47476
Comment Pe-			on Recon.			Final Rule).		
riod End.			Final Rule; an-	10/23/20	85 FR 67447	Final Rule; An-	09/26/11	76 FR 59269
R&O .....	03/21/16	81 FR 14984	ouncement of			ouncement of		
FNPRM .....	08/24/16	81 FR 57851	effective and			Effective Date.		
FNPRM Comment	09/14/16		compliance			Final Rule; Peti-	09/27/11	76 FR 59557
Period End.			dates.			tion for Recon-		
NOI and FNPRM	04/12/17	82 FR 17613	FNPRM .....	02/01/21	86 FR 7681	sideration; Pub-		
						lic Notice.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**302. Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service (VRS) Program (CG Docket No. 10-51)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 303(r)

*Abstract:* The Commission takes a fresh look at its VRS rules to ensure that it is available to and used by the full spectrum of eligible users, encourages innovation, and is provided efficiently to be less susceptible to the waste, fraud, and abuse that have plagued the program and threatened its long-term viability. The Commission also considers the most effective and efficient way to make VRS available and to determine what is the most fair, efficient, and transparent cost-recovery methodology. In addition, the Commission looks at various ways to measure the quality of VRS so as to ensure a better consumer experience.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Declaratory Ruling	05/07/10	75 FR 25255
Declaratory Ruling	07/13/10	75 FR 39945
Order .....	07/13/10	75 FR 39859
Notice of Inquiry ..	07/19/10	75 FR 41863
NPRM .....	08/23/10	75 FR 51735
Interim Final Rule	02/15/11	76 FR 8659
Public Notice .....	03/02/11	76 R 11462
R&O .....	05/02/11	76 FR 24393
FNPRM .....	05/02/11	76 FR 24437
NPRM .....	05/02/11	76 FR 24442
R&O (Correction)	05/27/11	76 FR 30841
Order .....	07/25/11	76 FR 44326
2nd R&O .....	08/05/11	76 FR 47469
Order (Interim	08/05/11	76 FR 47476
Final Rule).		
Final Rule; An-	09/26/11	76 FR 59269
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Effective Date.		
Final Rule; Peti-	09/27/11	76 FR 59557
tion for Recon-		
sideration; Pub-		
lic Notice.		

Action	Date	FR Cite	Action	Date	FR Cite	Action	Date	FR Cite
Oppositions Due Date.	10/07/11		Public Notice; Petition for Reconsideration.	10/25/17	82 FR 49303	NPRM .....	02/05/13	78 FR 8090
Final Rule; Clarification (MO&O).	10/31/11	76 FR 67070	Oppositions Due Date.	11/20/17		Order (Interim Rule).	02/05/13	78 FR 8032
FNPRM .....	10/31/11	76 FR 67118	R&O .....	06/06/19	84 FR 26364	Order .....	02/05/13	78 FR 8030
Interim Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/03/11	76 FR 68116	FNPRM .....	06/06/19	84 FR 26379	Announcement of Effective Date.	03/07/13	78 FR 14701
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/04/11	76 FR 68328	FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/05/19		NPRM Comment Period End.	03/12/13	
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/07/11	76 FR 68642	Report & Order ...	05/08/20	85 FR 27309	R&O .....	08/30/13	78 FR 53684
FNPRM Comment Period End.	12/30/11		R&O and Order on Recon.	10/14/20	85 FR 64971	FNPRM .....	09/03/13	78FR 54201
FNPRM .....	02/01/12	77 FR 4948	Final rule; announcement of effective and compliance dates.	10/23/20	85 FR 67447	FNPRM Comment Period End.	11/18/13	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	03/19/12		FNPRM .....	02/01/21	86 FR 7681	Petition for Reconsideration Request for Comment.	12/16/13	78 FR 76097
Final Rule; Correction.	03/27/12	77 FR 18106	FNPRM Comment Period End.	04/02/21		Petition for Reconsideration Comment Period End.	01/10/14	
Correcting Amendments.	06/07/12	77 FR 33662	Public Notice; Petition for Reconsideration.	02/22/21	86 FR 10458	Announcement of Effective Date.	07/11/14	79 FR 40003
Order (Release Date).	07/25/12		Oppositions Due Date.	03/19/21		Announcement of Effective Date.	08/28/14	79 FR 51446
Correcting Amendments.	10/04/12	77 FR 60630	Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined		Correction—Announcement of Effective Date.	08/28/14	79 FR 51450
Public Notice .....	10/29/12	77 FR 65526	<i>Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.</i>			Technical Amendments.	09/09/14	79 FR 53303
Comment Period End.	11/29/12					<i>Agency Contact: Eliot Greenwald, Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Office, Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, Phone: 202 418–2235, Email: eliot.greenwald@fcc.gov. RIN: 3060–AJ42</i>		
FNPRM .....	07/05/13	78 FR 40407	<b>303. Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-To-Speech Services; CG Docket No. 13–24</b>					
R&O .....	07/05/13	78 FR 40582				<i>Legal Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 225</i>		
FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/18/13		<i>Abstract: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) initiated this proceeding in its effort to ensure that Internet-Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS) is provided effectively and in the most efficient manner. In doing so, the FCC adopted rules to address certain practices related to the provision and marketing of IP CTS, as well as compensation of TRS providers. IP CTS is a form of relay service designed to allow people with hearing loss to speak directly to another party on a telephone call and to simultaneously listen to the other party and read captions of what that party is saying over an IP-enabled device. To ensure that IP CTS is provided efficiently to persons who need to use this service, the Commission adopted rules establishing several requirements and issued an FNPRM to address additional issues.</i>					
Public Notice .....	09/11/13	78 FR 55696				<i>Timetable:</i>		
Public Notice .....	09/15/14	79 FR 54979	<i>Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.</i>					
Comment Period End.	10/10/14					<i>Timetable:</i>		
Final Action (Announcement of Effective Date).	10/30/14	79 FR 64515	<i>Timetable:</i>					
Final Rule Effective.	10/30/14					<i>Timetable:</i>		
FNPRM .....	11/18/15	80 FR 72029	<i>Timetable:</i>					
FNPRM Comment Period End.	02/01/16					<i>Timetable:</i>		
R&O .....	03/21/16	81 FR 14984	<i>Timetable:</i>					
FNPRM .....	08/24/16	81 FR 57851				<i>Timetable:</i>		
FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/14/16		<i>Timetable:</i>					
NOI and FNPRM	04/12/17	82 FR 17613				<i>Timetable:</i>		
NOI and FNPRM Comment Period End.	05/30/17		<i>Timetable:</i>					
R&O .....	04/13/17	82 FR 17754				<i>Timetable:</i>		
R&O .....	04/27/17	82 FR 19322	<i>Timetable:</i>					
FNPRM .....	04/27/17	82 FR 19347				<i>Timetable:</i>		
FNPRM Comment Period End.	07/01/17		<i>Timetable:</i>					
Order .....	06/23/17	82 FR 28566				<i>Timetable:</i>		
Public Notice .....	07/21/17	82 FR 33856	<i>Timetable:</i>					
Public Notice Comment Period End.	07/31/17					<i>Timetable:</i>		
Public Notice Correction.	07/25/17	82 FR 34471	<i>Timetable:</i>					
Public Notice Correction Comment Period End.	08/17/17					<i>Timetable:</i>		
R&O and Order ...	08/22/17	82 FR 39673	<i>Timetable:</i>					
Announcement of Effective Date.	10/17/17	82 FR 48203				<i>Timetable:</i>		

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*RIN:* 3060-AK01

**304. Advanced Methods To Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls (CG Docket No. 17-59)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 201 and 202; 47 U.S.C. 227; 47 U.S.C. 251(e)

*Abstract:* The Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 restricts the use of robocalls autodialed or prerecorded calls in certain instances. In CG Docket No. 17-59, the Commission considers rules and policies aimed at eliminating unlawful robocalling. Among the issues it examines in this docket are whether to allow carriers to block calls that purport to be from unallocated or unassigned phone numbers through the use of spoofing, whether to allow carriers to block calls based on their own analyses of which calls are likely to be unlawful and whether to establish a database of reassigned phone numbers to help prevent robocalls to consumers, who did not consent to such calls.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM/NOI .....	05/17/17	82 FR 22625
2nd NOI .....	07/13/17	
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/31/17	
FNPRM .....	01/08/18	83 FR 770
R&O .....	01/12/18	83 FR 1566
2nd FNPRM .....	04/23/18	83 FR 17631
2nd FNPRM Comment Period End.	06/07/18	
2nd FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	07/09/18	
2nd R&O .....	03/26/19	84 FR 11226
3rd FNPRM .....	06/24/19	84 FR 29478
Declaratory Ruling	06/24/19	84 FR 29387
Public Notice Seeking Input on Report.	12/30/19	
Public Notice Seeking Comment on Reassigned Numbers.	01/24/20	
Public Notice Seeking Comment on RND Cost/Fee Structure.	02/26/20	
Public Notice Establishing Guidelines for RND.	04/16/20	
Report .....	06/25/20	
3rd NPRM Comment Date.	06/26/20	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Announcement of Compliance Dates.	06/26/20	85 FR 38334
3rd R&O, Order of Reconsideration, 4th FNPRM.	07/31/20	85 FR 46063
4th R&O (release date).	12/30/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3060-AK62

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Economics*

Long-Term Actions

**305. Development of Nationwide Broadband Data To Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 251; 47 U.S.C. 252; 47 U.S.C. 257; 47 U.S.C. 271; 47 U.S.C. 1302; 47 U.S.C. 160(b); 47 U.S.C. 161(a)(2)

*Abstract:* The Report and Order streamlined and reformed the Commission's Form 477 Data Program, which is the Commission's primary tool to collect data on broadband and telephone services.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	05/16/07	72 FR 27519
Order .....	07/02/08	73 FR 37861
Order .....	10/15/08	73 FR 60997
NPRM .....	02/08/11	76 FR 10827
Order .....	06/27/13	78 FR 49126
NPRM .....	08/24/17	82 FR 40118
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/25/17	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	10/10/17	
R&O and FNPRM Next Action Undetermined.	08/22/19	84 FR 43764

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3060-AJ15

**306. Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions (GN Docket No. 12-268)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 309(j)(8)(G); 47 U.S.C. 1452

*Abstract:* In February 2012, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act was enacted (Pub. L. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012)). Title VI of that statute, commonly known as the Spectrum Act, provides the Commission with the authority to conduct incentive auctions to meet the growing demand for wireless broadband. Pursuant to the Spectrum Act, the Commission may conduct incentive auctions that will offer new initial spectrum licenses subject to flexible-use service rules on spectrum made available by licensees that voluntarily relinquish some or all of their spectrum usage rights in exchange for a portion, based on the value of the relinquished rights as determined by an auction, of the proceeds of bidding for the new licenses. In addition to granting the Commission general authority to conduct incentive auctions, the Spectrum Act requires the Commission to conduct an incentive auction of broadcast TV spectrum and sets forth special requirements for such an auction.

The Spectrum Act requires that the BIA consist of a reverse auction "to determine the amount of compensation that each broadcast television licensee would accept in return for voluntarily relinquishing some or all of its spectrum usage rights" and a forward auction of licenses in the reallocated spectrum for flexible-use services, including mobile broadband. Broadcast television licensees who elected to voluntarily participate in the auction had three bidding options: Go off-the-air, share spectrum with another broadcast television licensee, or move channels to the upper or lower VHS band in exchange for receiving part of the proceeds from auctioning that spectrum to wireless providers. The Spectrum Act also authorized the Commission to reorganize the 600 MHz band following the BIA including, as necessary, reassigning full power and Class A television stations to new channels in order to clear the spectrum sold in the BIA. That post-auction reorganization (known as the repack) is currently underway and all of the stations who

were assigned new channels are scheduled to have vacated their pre-auction channels by July 3, 2020, pursuant to a 10-phase transition schedule adopted by the Commission.

In May 2014, the Commission adopted a Report and Order that laid out the general framework for the BIA. The auction started on March 29, 2016, with the submission of initial commitments by eligible broadcast licensees. The BIA ended on April 13, 2017, with the release of the Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice that also marked the start of the 39-month transition period during which 987 of the full power and Class A television stations remaining on-the-air will transition their stations to their post-auction channel assignments in the reorganized television band. Pursuant to the Spectrum Act, the Commission will reimburse 957 of those full power and Class A stations for the reasonable costs associated with relocating to their post-auction channel assignments and will reimburse multichannel video programming distributors for their costs associated with continuing to carry the signals of those stations.

In March 2018, the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 115–141, at Div. E, Title V, 511, 132 Stat. 348 (2018), codified at 47 U.S.C. 1452(j)–(n)) (the Reimbursement Expansion Act or REA), extended the deadline for reimbursement of eligible entities from April 2020 to no later than July 3, 2023, and also expanded the universe of entities eligible for reimbursement to include low-power television stations and TV translator stations displaced by the BIA for their reasonably incurred costs to relocate to a new channel, and FM broadcast stations for their reasonably incurred costs for facilities necessary to reasonably minimize disruption of service as a result of the post-auction reorganization of the television band. On March 15, 2019, the Commission adopted a Report and Order setting rules for the reimbursement of eligible costs to those newly eligible entities.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/21/12	77 FR 69933
R&O .....	08/15/14	79 FR 48441
Final Rule .....	10/11/17	82 FR 47155
NPRM .....	08/27/18	83 FR 43613
R&O .....	03/26/19	84 FR 11233
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Office of Engineering and Technology*  
Long-Term Actions

**307. Encouraging the Provision of New Technologies and Services to the Public (GN Docket No. 18–22)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(3)

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the FCC seeks to establish rules describing guidelines and procedures to implement the stated policy goal of section 7 to encourage the provision of new technologies and services to the public. Although the forces of competition and technological growth work together to enable the development and deployment of many new technologies and services to the public, the Commission has at times been slow to identify and take action to ensure that important new technologies or services are made available as quickly as possible. The Commission has sought to overcome these impediments by streamlining many of its processes but all too often regulatory delays can adversely impact newly proposed technologies or services.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/04/18	83 FR 14395
Comment Period End.	05/04/18	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**308. Spectrum Horizon (ET Docket No. 18–21)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 302(a); 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 310; 47 U.S.C. 332; sec. 76 of 1996 Telecom Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 302 and sec. 1.411

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the FCC seeks to implement a plan to make the spectrum above 95 GHz more readily accessible for new innovative services and technologies. Throughout its history, when the Commission has expanded access to what was thought to be the upper reaches of the usable spectrum, new technological advances have emerged to push the boundary of usable spectrum even further. The frequencies above 95 GHz are today’s spectrum horizons. The Notice sought comment on proposed rules to permit licensed fixed point-to-point operations in a total of 102.2 gigahertz of spectrum; on making 15.2 gigahertz of spectrum available for unlicensed use; and on creating a new category of experimental licenses to increase opportunities for entities to develop new services and technologies from 95 GHz to 3 THz with no limits on geography or technology.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/02/18	83 FR 13888
ANPRM Comment Period End.	05/02/18	
R&O .....	06/14/19	84 FR 25685
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**309. Use of the 5.850–5.925 GHz Band (ET Docket No. 19–138)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 1; 47 U.S.C. 4(i); 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 302; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 316; 47 U.S.C. 332; 47 CFR 1.411

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission proposes to amend its rules for the 5.850–5.925 GHz (5.9 GHz) band. The proposal would permit unlicensed devices to operate in the lower 45-megahertz portion of the band at 5.850–5.895 GHz under part 15 of the Commission’s rules. It would also permit Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) operations in the upper 30-megahertz portion of the band at 5.895–5.925 GHz under parts 90 and 95 of the Commission’s rules. ITS operations would consist of Cellular Vehicle to Everything (C–V2X) devices at 5.905–5.925 GHz, and C–V2X and/or Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC) devices at 5.895–5.905 GHz.

*Timetable:*



Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/06/20	85 FR 6841
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/09/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060-AK96

**310. • Allowing Earlier Equipment Marketing and Importation Opportunities; Petition To Expand Marketing Opportunities for Innovative Technologies (ET Docket No. 20-382 & RM-11857) NPRM, 86 FR 2337, January 1**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 301, 302a, 303(c), 303(f), and 303(r)

*Abstract:* In this document, the Commission recognize that our equipment authorization rules have in some ways failed to keep pace with developments in the modern device ecosystem. In particular, our rules limit the ability of device manufacturers to market and import radiofrequency devices in the most efficient and cost-effective ways possible. We therefore take the opportunity here to propose specific rule changes that would allow device manufacturers to take full advantage of modern marketing and importation practices.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/12/21	86 FR 2337
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/11/21	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060-AL18

**311. • Unlicensed White Space Device Operations in the Television Bands (ET Docket No. 20-36)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 302a; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 1.407 and 1.411

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission revises its rules to provide additional opportunities for unlicensed white space devices operating in the broadcast television bands (TV bands) to deliver wireless broadband services in rural areas and applications associated with the Internet of Things (IoT). This region of the spectrum has excellent propagation characteristics that make it particularly attractive for delivering communications services over long distances, coping with variations in terrain, as well as providing coverage into and within buildings. We offer several proposals to spur continued growth of the white space device ecosystem, especially for providing affordable broadband service to rural and underserved communities that can help close the digital divide.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/03/20	85 FR 18901
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/03/20	
R&O .....	01/12/21	86 FR 2278
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

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**312. • Unlicensed White Space Device Operations in the Television Bands (ET Docket No. 20-36)**

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Duplicate of 3060-AL22.	04/01/21	

RIN: 3060-AL17

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*International Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**313. International Settlements Policy Reform (IB Docket No. 11-80)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 to 152; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 201 to 205; 47 U.S.C. 208; 47 U.S.C. 211; 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 403

*Abstract:* The FCC is reviewing the International Settlements Policy (ISP). It governs the ways U.S. carriers negotiate with foreign carriers for the exchange of international traffic and is the structure by which the Commission has sought to respond to concerns that foreign carriers with market power are able to take advantage of the presence of multiple U.S. carriers serving a particular market. In 2011, the FCC released an NPRM that proposed to further deregulate the international telephony market and enable U.S. consumers to enjoy competitive prices when they make calls to international destinations. First, it proposed to remove the ISP from all international routes except Cuba. Second, the FCC sought comment on a proposal to enable the Commission to better protect U.S. consumers from the effects of anticompetitive conduct by foreign carriers in instances necessitating Commission intervention. In 2012, the FCC adopted a Report and Order that eliminated the ISP on all routes but maintained the nondiscrimination requirement of the ISP on the U.S.-Cuba route and codified it in 47 CFR 63.22(f). In the Report and Order, the FCC also adopted measures to protect U.S. consumers from anticompetitive conduct by foreign carriers. In 2016, the FCC released an FNPRM seeking comment on removing the discrimination requirement on the U.S.-Cuba route.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	05/13/11	76 FR 42625
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/02/11	
Report and Order FNPRM .....	02/15/13	78 FR 11109
FNPRM Comment Period End.	03/04/16	81 FR 11500
Next Action Undetermined.	04/18/16	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**314. Update to Parts 2 and 25 Concerning Nongeostationary, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems, and Related Matters: IB Docket No. 16-408**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 316

*Abstract:* On January 11, 2017, the Commission began a rulemaking to update its rules and policies concerning non-geostationary-satellite orbit (NGSO), fixed-satellite service (FSS) systems and related matters. The Commission proposed among other things, to provide for more flexible use of the 17.8-20.2 GHz bands for FSS, promote shared use of spectrum among NGSO FSS satellite systems, and remove unnecessary design restrictions on NGSO FSS systems. The Commission subsequently adopted a Report and Order establishing new sharing criteria among NGSO FSS systems and providing additional flexibility for FSS spectrum use. The Commission also released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to remove the domestic coverage requirement for NGSO FSS systems and later adopted a Second Report and Order removing this requirement.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/11/17	82 FR 3258
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/10/17	
FNPRM .....	11/15/17	82 FR 52869
R&O .....	12/18/17	82 FR 59972
FNPRM Comment Period End.	01/02/18	
2nd R&O .....	02/21/21	86 FR 11642
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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**315. Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the FCC Rules To Facilitate the Use of Earth Stations in Motion Communicating With Geostationary Orbit Space Stations in FSS Bands: IB Docket No. 17-95**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 157(a); 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 308(b); 47 U.S.C. 316

*Abstract:* In June 2017, the Commission began a rulemaking to

streamline, consolidate, and harmonize rules governing earth stations in motion (ESIMs) used to provide satellite-based services on ships, airplanes and vehicles communicating with geostationary-satellite orbit (GSO), fixed-satellite service (FSS) satellite systems. In September 2018, the Commission adopted rules governing communications of ESIMs with GSO satellites. These rules addressed communications in the conventional C-, Ku-, and Ka-bands, as well as portions of the extended Ku-band. At the same time, the Commission also released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that sought comment on allowing ESIMs to operate in all of the frequency bands in which earth stations at fixed locations operating in GSO FSS satellite networks can be blanket-licensed. Specifically, comment was sought on expanding the frequencies available for communications of ESIMs with GSO FSS satellites to include the following frequency bands: 10.7-10.95 GHz, 11.2-11.45 GHz, 17.8-18.3 GHz, 18.8-19.3 GHz, 19.3-19.4 GHz, 19.6-19.7 GHz (space-to-Earth); and 28.6-29.1 GHz (Earth-to-space).

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/16/17	82 FR 27652
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/30/17	
OMB-approval for Information Collection of R&O Comment Period End.	08/28/18	
FNPRM .....	07/24/20	85 FR 44818
R&O .....	07/24/20	85 FR 44772
FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/22/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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**316. Further Streamlining Part 25 Rules Governing Satellite Services: IB Docket No. 18-314**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. secs. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 161; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 316

*Abstract:* Under the Commission's rules, satellite operators must follow separate application and authorization processes for the satellites and earth stations that make up their networks

and have no option for a single, unified network license. In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the FCC proposed to create a new, optional, unified license to include both space stations and earth stations operating in a geostationary-satellite orbit, fixed-satellite service (GSO FSS) satellite network. In addition, the Commission proposed to repeal or modify unnecessarily burdensome rules in Part 25 governing satellite services, such as annual reporting requirements. These proposals would greatly simplify the Commission's licensing and regulation of satellite systems. In a subsequent Report and Order, the Commission streamlined its rules governing satellite services by creating an optional framework for the authorization of blanket-licensed earth stations and space stations in a satellite system through a unified license. The Commission also aligned the build-out requirements for earth stations and space stations and eliminated unnecessary reporting rules.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/31/19	84 FR 638
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/18/19	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	04/16/19	
Report & Order ... Next Action Undetermined.	03/01/21	86 FR 11880

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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**317. Facilitating the Communications of Earth Stations in Motion With Non-Geostationary Orbit Space Stations: IB Docket No. 18-315**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 157(a); 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 308(b); 47 U.S.C. 316

*Abstract:* In November 2018, the Commission adopted a notice of proposed rulemaking that proposed to expand the scope of the Commission's rules governing ESIMs operations to cover communications with NGSO FSS satellites. Comment was sought on establishing a regulatory framework for communications of ESIMs with NGSO FSS satellites that would be analogous to that which exists for ESIMs communicating with GSO FSS satellites.

In this context, comment was sought on: (1) Allowing ESIMs to communicate in many of the same conventional Ku-band, extended Ku-band, and Ka-band frequencies that were allowed for communications of ESIMs with GSO FSS satellites (with the exception of the 18.6–18.8 GHz and 29.25–29.5 GHz frequency bands); (2) extending blanket licensing to ESIMs communicating with NGSO satellites; and (3) revisions to specific provisions in the Commission’s rules to implement these changes. The specific frequency bands for communications of ESIMs with NGOS FSS satellites on which comment was sought are as follows: 10.7–11.7 GHz; 11.7–12.2 GHz; 14.0–14.5 GHz; 17.8–18.3 GHz; 18.3–18.6 GHz; 18.8–19.3 GHz; 19.3–19.4 GHz; 19.6–19.7 GHz; 19.7–20.2 GHz; 28.35–28.6 GHz; 28.6–29.1 GHz; and 29.5–30.0 GHz.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/28/18	83 FR 67180
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/13/19	
R&O .....	07/24/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**318. Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age: IB Docket No. 18–313**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 302; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 308; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 310; 47 U.S.C. 319; 47 U.S.C. 332; 47 U.S.C. 336; 47 U.S.C. 605; 47 U.S.C. 721

*Abstract:* The Commission’s current orbital debris rules were first adopted in 2004. Since then, significant changes have occurred in satellite technologies and market conditions, particularly in Low Earth Orbit, *i.e.*, below 2000 kilometers altitude. These changes include the increasing use of lower cost small satellites and proposals to deploy large constellations of non-geostationary satellite orbit (NGSO) systems, some involving thousands of satellites.

The NPRM proposes changes to improve disclosure of debris mitigation plans. The NPRM also makes proposals and seeks comment related to satellite disposal reliability and methodology, appropriate deployment altitudes in low-Earth-orbit, and on-orbit lifetime,

with a particular focus on large NGSO satellite constellations. Other aspects of the NPRM include new rule proposals for geostationary orbit satellite (GSO) license term extension requests, and consideration of disclosure requirements related to several emerging technologies and new types of commercial operations, including rendezvous and proximity operations.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/19/19	84 FR 4742
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/06/19	
R&O .....	08/25/20	85 FR 52422
FNPRM .....	08/25/20	85 FR 52455
FNPRM Comment Period End.	10/09/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**319. Process Reform for Executive Branch Review of Certain FCC Applications and Petitions Involving Foreign Ownership (IB Docket No. 16–155)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C 154(l); 47 U.S.C . 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 310; 47 U.S.C. 413; 47 U.S.C. 34–39; E.O. 10530; 3 U.S.C. 301

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission considers rules and procedures that streamline and improve the timeliness and transparency of the process by which the Commission refers certain applications and petitions for declaratory ruling to the Executive Branch agencies for assessment of any national security, law enforcement, foreign policy or trade policy issues related to foreign investment in the applicants and petitioners.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/24/16	81 FR 46870
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/02/16	
Public Notice .....	04/27/20	85 FR 29914
Public Notice Comment Period End.	09/02/20	
Report & Order ...	10/01/20	85 FR 76360
Public Notice .....	12/30/20	85 FR 12312
Public Notice Comment Period End.	04/19/21	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Media Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**320. Revision of EEO Rules and Policies (MM Docket No. 98–204)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 257; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 to 309; 47 U.S.C. 334; 47 U.S.C. 403; 47 U.S.C. 554

*Abstract:* FCC authority to govern Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) responsibilities of cable television operators was codified in the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984. This authority was extended to television broadcast licensees and other multi-channel video programming distributors in the Cable and Television Consumer Protection Act of 1992. In the Second Report and Order, the FCC adopted new EEO rules and policies. This action was in response to a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit that found prior EEO rules unconstitutional. The Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) requests comment as to the applicability of the EEO rules to part-time employees. The Third Report and Order adopted revised forms for broadcast station and MVPDs Annual Employment Report. In the Fourth NPRM, comment was sought regarding public access to the data contained in the forms.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/14/02	67 FR 1704
Second R&O and Third NPRM.	01/07/03	68 FR 670
Correction .....	01/13/03	68 FR 1657
Fourth NPRM .....	06/23/04	69 FR 34986
Third R&O .....	06/23/04	69 FR 34950
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AH95

**321. Establishment of Rules for Digital Low-Power Television, Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations (MB Docket No. 03-185)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 336

*Abstract:* This proceeding initiated the digital television conversion for low-power television (LPTV) and television translator stations. The rules and policies adopted as a result of this proceeding provide the framework for these stations' conversion from analog to digital broadcasting.

The Report and Order adopts definitions and permissible use provisions for digital TV translator and LPTV stations. The Second Report and Order takes steps to resolve the remaining issues in order to complete the low-power television digital transition. The third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeks comment on a number of issues related to the potential impact of the incentive auction and the repacking process.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	09/26/03	68 FR 55566
NPRM Comment Period End.	11/25/03	
R&O .....	11/29/04	69 FR 69325
FNPRM and MO&O.	10/18/10	75 FR 63766
2nd R&O .....	07/07/11	76 FR 44821
3rd NPRM .....	11/28/14	79 FR 70824
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/29/14	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	01/12/15	
3rd R&O .....	02/01/16	81 FR 5041
4th NPRM .....	02/01/16	81 FR 5086
Comment Period End.	02/22/16	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3060-AI38

**322. Amendment of the Commission's Rules Related to Retransmission Consent (MB Docket No. 10-71)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 325; 47 U.S.C. 534

*Abstract:* Cable systems and other multichannel video programming distributors are not entitled to retransmit a broadcast station's signal without the station's consent. This consent is known as "retransmission consent." Since Congress enacted the retransmission consent regime in 1992, there have been significant changes in the video programming marketplace. In this proceeding, comment is sought on a series of proposals to streamline and clarify the Commission's rules concerning or affecting retransmission consent negotiations.

In the 2014 Report and Order, the Commission adopted a rule providing that it is a violation of the duty to negotiate retransmission consent in good faith for a television station that is ranked among the top four stations to negotiate retransmission consent jointly with another such station if the stations are not commonly owned and serve the same geographic market.

In 2019, the Commission sought comment on amending the rules concerning notices cable operators must provide to subscribers.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	03/28/11	76 FR 17071
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/27/11	
R&O .....	05/19/14	79 FR 28615
NPRM .....	10/02/15	80 FR 59706
NPRM .....	01/07/20	85 FR 656
Report & Order ...	11/12/20	85 FR 71843
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3060-AJ55

**323. Preserving Vacant Channels in the UHF Television Band for Unlicensed Use; (MB Docket No. 15-146)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 308; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 310; 47 U.S.C. 316; 47 U.S.C. 319; 47 U.S.C. 332; 47 U.S.C. 336; 47 U.S.C. 403

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission considers proposals to preserve vacant television channels in

the UHF television band for shared use by white space devices and wireless microphones following the repacking of the band after the conclusion of the Incentive Auction. In the NPRM, the Commission proposed preserving in each area of the country at least one vacant television channel. In the Public Notice, the Commission notes that a limited number of broadcast television stations may be reassigned during the incentive auction and repacking process to channels within the duplex gap established as part of the 600 MHz Band Plan, resulting in a restriction on the ability of white space devices and wireless microphone to use this spectrum. To address this concern, the Public Notice tentatively concluded that a second available television channel should be preserved in the remaining television band in such areas for shared use by white space devices and wireless microphones, in addition to the one such channel proposed in the NPRM.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/02/15	80 FR 38158
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/03/15	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	08/31/15	
Public Notice .....	09/01/15	80 FR 52715
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3060-AK43

**324. Authorizing Permissive Use of the "Next Generation" Broadcast Television Standard (GN Docket No. 16-142)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 to 309; 47 U.S.C. 316; 47 U.S.C. 319; 47 U.S.C. 325(b); 47 U.S.C. 336; 47 U.S.C. 399(b); 47 U.S.C. 403; 47 U.S.C. 534; 47 U.S.C. 535

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks to authorize television broadcasters to use the "Next Generation" ATSC 3.0 broadcast television transmission standard on a voluntary, market-driven basis, while they continue to deliver current-generation digital television broadcast service to their viewers. In the Report and Order, the Commission adopted

rules to afford broadcasters flexibility to deploy ATSC 3.0-based transmissions, while minimizing the impact on, and costs to, consumers and other industry stakeholders.

In the 2nd R&O, the Commission provided additional guidance to broadcasters deploying Next Gen TV.

In 2021, the Commission made a technical modification to the rules governing the use of a distribution transmission system by a television station to account for deployment of ATSC 3.0.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	03/10/17	82 FR 13285
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/09/17	
FNPRM .....	12/20/17	82 FR 60350
R&O .....	02/02/18	83 FR 4998
FNPRM Comment Period End.	02/20/18	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	03/20/18	
NPRM .....	05/13/20	85 FR 28586
2nd R&O Order on Recon.	07/17/20	85 FR 43478
Report & Order ...	To Be	Determined

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**325. 2018 Quadrennial Regulatory Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules (MB Docket 18-349)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 152(a); 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 257; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 309 and 310; 47 U.S.C. 403; sec. 202(h) of the Telecommunications Act

*Abstract:* Section 202(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires the Commission to review its broadcast ownership rules every 4 years and to determine whether any such rules are necessary in the public interest as the result of competition. The rules subject to review in the 2018 quadrennial review are the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Local Television Ownership Rule, and the Dual Network Rule. The Commission also sought comment on potential pro-diversity proposals including extending cable procurement requirements to broadcasters, adopting formulas aimed at creating media ownership limits that promote diversity, and developing a model for market-based, tradeable

diversity credits to serve as an alternative method for setting ownership limits.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/28/19	84FR 6741
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**326. Children's Television Programming Rules (MB Docket 18-202)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 303b; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 336

*Abstract:* The Children's Television Act (CTA) of 1990 requires that the Commission consider, in its review of television license renewals, the extent to which the licensee has served the educational and informational needs of children through its overall programming, including programming specifically designed to serve such needs. The Commission adopted rules implementing the CTA in 1991 and revised these rules in 1996, 2004, and 2006. In this proceeding, the Commission proposes to revise the children's television programming rules to modify outdated requirements and to give broadcasters greater flexibility in serving the educational and informational needs of children.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/25/18	83 FR 35158
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/28/18	
R&O .....	08/16/19	84 FR 41947
FNPRM .....	08/16/19	84 FR 41949
FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/16/19	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	10/15/19	
Move to Inactive Status.	01/25/21	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**327. Equal Employment Opportunity Enforcement (MB Docket 19-177)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 334; 47 U.S.C. 554

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks comment on ways in which it can make improvements to equal employment opportunity (EEO) compliance and enforcement.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/22/19	84 FR 35063
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**328. Revision of the Commission's Part 76 Review Procedures (MB Docket No. 20-70)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 536; 47 U.S.C. 548; 47 U.S.C. 573

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission considers changes to procedural rules governing the resolution of program carriage disputes between video programming vendors and multichannel video programming distributors. The rule changes are intended to make the Commission's procedures more consistent and encourage the timely resolution of program carriage disputes.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/16/20	85 FR 21131
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/18/20	
Report & Order ...	12/17/20	85 FR 81805
Move to Inactive Status.	01/25/21	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060-AL08

**329. • Duplication of Programming on Commonly Owned Radio Stations (MB Docket No. 19-310)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), and 303(r)

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks comment on whether to modify or eliminate the radio duplication rule. The rule bars same-service (AM or FM) commercial radio stations from duplicating more than 25% of their total hours of programming in an average broadcast week if the stations have 50% or more contour overlap and are commonly owned or subject to a time brokerage agreement.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/23/19	84 FR 70485
Report & Order ...	10/22/20	85 FR 67303
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060-AL19

**330. • Sponsorship Identification Requirements for Foreign Government-Provided Programming (MB Docket No. 20-299)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks comment on rules proposing to require specific disclosure requirements for broadcast programming that is paid for, or provided by a foreign government or its representative.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/24/20	85 FR 74955
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060-AL20

**331. • FM Broadcast Booster Stations (MB Docket 20-401)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 157, 301, 302, 303, 307, 308, 309, 316, 319, 324

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission proposes to amend its rules to enable FM broadcasters to use FM booster stations to air geo-targeted content (e.g., news, weather, and advertisements) independent of the signals of its primary station within different portions of the primary station's protected service contour for a limited period of time during the broadcast hour.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/11/21	86 FR 1909
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060-AL21

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Office of Managing Director*

Long-Term Actions

**332. Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 159  
*Abstract:* Section 9 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. 159), requires the Federal Communications Commission to recover the cost of its activities by assessing and collecting annual regulatory fees from beneficiaries of the activities.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/06/17	82 FR 26019
R&O .....	09/22/17	82 FR 44322
NPRM .....	06/14/18	83 FR 27846
NPRM Comment Period End.	06/21/18	
R&O .....	09/18/18	83 FR 47079
NPRM .....	06/05/19	84 FR 26234
NPRM Comment Period End.	06/07/19	
R&O .....	09/26/19	84 FR 50890
NPRM .....	05/08/20	85 FR 32256
R&O .....	06/22/20	85 FR 37364
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**333. Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements: PS Docket No. 07-114**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 332

*Abstract:* This rulemaking is related to the proceedings in which the FCC previously acted to improve the quality of all emergency services. Wireless carriers must provide specific automatic location information in connection with 911 emergency calls to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). Wireless licensees must satisfy enhanced 911 location accuracy standards at either a county-based or a PSAP-based geographic level.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/20/07	72 FR 33948
R&O .....	02/14/08	73 FR 8617
Public Notice .....	09/25/08	73 FR 55473
FNPRM; NOI .....	11/02/10	75 FR 67321
Public Notice .....	11/18/09	74 FR 59539
2nd R&O .....	11/18/10	75 FR 70604
Second NPRM ...	08/04/11	76 FR 47114
Second NPRM Comment Period End.	11/02/11	
Final Rule .....	04/28/11	76 FR 23713
NPRM, 3rd R&O, and 2nd FNPRM.	09/28/11	76 FR 59916
3rd FNPRM .....	03/28/14	79 FR 17820
Order Extending Comment Period.	06/10/14	79 FR 33163
3rd FNPRM Comment Period End.	07/14/14	
Public Notice (Release Date).	11/20/14	
Public Notice Comment Period End.	12/17/14	
4th R&O .....	03/04/15	80 FR 11806
Final Rule .....	08/03/15	80 FR 45897
Order Granting Waiver.	07/10/17	
NPRM .....	09/26/18	83 FR 54180
4th NPRM .....	03/18/19	84 FR 13211
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AJ52

**334. Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhancing Submarine Cable Outage Data; GN Docket No. 15-206**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 34 to 39; 47 U.S.C. 301

*Abstract:* This proceeding takes steps toward assuring the reliability and resiliency of submarine cables, a critical piece of the Nation’s communications infrastructure, by proposing to require submarine cable licensees to report to the Commission when outages occur and communications are disrupted. The Commission’s intent is to enhance national security and emergency preparedness by these actions. In December 2019, the Commission adopted an Order on Reconsideration that modifies the requirement for submarine cable licensees to report outages to the Commission.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM (Release Date).	09/18/15	
R&O .....	06/24/16	81 FR 52354
Petitions for Recon.	09/08/16	
Petitions for Recon—Public Comment.	10/17/16	81 FR 75368
Order on Recon. Next Action Undetermined.	12/20/19	84 FR 15733

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK39

**335. Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; PS Docket No. 15-80**

*Legal Authority:* Sec. 1, 4(i), 4(j), 4(o), 251(e)(3), 254, 301, 303(b), 303(g), 303(r), 307, 309(a), 309(j); 316, 332, 403, 615a-1, and 615c of Pub. L. 73-416, 4 Stat. 1064, as amended; and section 706 of Pub. L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56; 47

U.S.C. 151, 154(i)-(j) & (o), 251(e)(3), 254, 301, 303(b), 303(g), 303(r), 307; 309(a), 309(j), 316, 332, 403, 615a-1, 615c, and 1302, unless otherwise noted

*Abstract:* The 2004 Report and Order (R&O) extended the Commission’s communication disruptions reporting rules to non-wireline carriers and streamlined reporting through a new electronic template (see docket ET Docket 04-35). In 2015, this proceeding, PS Docket 15-80, was opened to amend the original communications disruption reporting rules from 2004 in order to reflect technology transitions observed throughout the telecommunications sector. The Commission seeks to further study the possibility to share the reporting database information and access with State and other Federal entities. In May 2016, the Commission released a Report and Order, FNPRM, and Order on Reconsideration (see also Dockets 11-82 and 04-35). The R&O adopted rules to update the part 4 requirements to reflect technology transitions. The FNPRM sought comment on sharing information in the reporting database. Comments and replies were received by the Commission in August and September 2016.

In March 2020, the Commission adopted a Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in PS Docket No. 15-80 that proposed a framework to provide state and federal agencies with access to outage information to improve their situational awareness while preserving the confidentiality of this data, including proposals to: Provide direct, read-only access to NORS and DIRS filings to qualified agencies of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Tribal nations, territories, and federal government; allow these agencies to share NORS and DIRS information with other public safety officials that reasonably require NORS and DIRS information to prepare for and respond to disasters; allow participating agencies to publicly disclose NORS or DIRS filing information that is aggregated and anonymized across at least four service providers; condition a participating agency’s direct access to NORS and DIRS filings on their agreement to treat the filings as confidential and not disclose them absent a finding by the Commission that allows them to do so; and establish an application process that would grant agencies access to NORS and DIRS after those agencies certify to certain requirements related to maintaining confidentiality of the data and the security of the databases. In March 2021, the Commission adopted the proposed information sharing

framework with some modifications in a Second Report and Order.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM, 2nd R&O, Order on Recon. NPRM Comment Period End.	06/16/15 07/31/15	80 FR 34321
R&O .....	07/12/16	81 FR 45055
FNPRM, 1 Part 4 R&O, Order on Recon.	08/11/16	81 FR 45059
Order Denying Reply Comment Deadline Extension Request.	09/08/16	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/12/16	
Announcement of Effective Date for Rule Changes in R&O.	06/22/17	82 FR 28410
Announcement of Effective Date for Rule Changes in R&O.	06/22/17	82 FR 28410
Second Further NPRM.	02/28/20	85 FR 17818
Second Further NPRM Comment Period End.	06/01/20	
2nd R&O ..... Next Action Undetermined.	03/17/21	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK40

**336. New Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; ET Docket No. 04-35**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154 and 155; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 251; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 316

*Abstract:* The proceeding creates a new part 4 in title 47 and amends part 63.100. The proceeding updates the Commission’s communication disruptions reporting rules for wireline providers formerly in 47 CFR 63.100 and extends these rules to other non-wireline providers. Through this proceeding, the Commission streamlines the reporting process through an electronic template. The Report and Order received several petitions for reconsideration, of which two were eventually withdrawn. In 2015, seven were addressed in an Order on

Reconsideration and in 2016 another petition was addressed in an Order on Reconsideration. One petition (CPUC Petition) remains pending regarding NORS database sharing with States, which is addressed in a separate proceeding, PS Docket 15–80. To the extent the communication disruption rules cover VoIP, the Commission studies and addresses these questions in a separate docket, PS Docket 11–82.

In May 2016, the Commission released a Report and Order, FNPRM, and Order on Reconsideration (see Dockets 11–82 and 15–80). The Order on Reconsideration addressed outage reporting for events at airports, and the FNPRM sought comment on database sharing. The Commission received comments and replies in August and September 2016.

In March 2020, the Commission adopted a Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in PS Docket No. 15–80 that proposed a framework to provide state and federal agencies with access to outage information to improve their situational awareness while preserving the confidentiality of this data, including proposals to: Provide direct, read-only access to NORS and DIRS filings to qualified agencies of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Tribal nations, territories, and federal government; allow these agencies to share NORS and DIRS information with other public safety officials that reasonably require NORS and DIRS information to prepare for and respond to disasters; allow participating agencies to publicly disclose NORS or DIRS filing information that is aggregated and anonymized across at least four service providers; condition a participating agency’s direct access to NORS and DIRS filings on their agreement to treat the filings as confidential and not disclose them absent a finding by the Commission that allows them to do so; and establish an application process that would grant agencies access to NORS and DIRS after those agencies certify to certain requirements related to maintaining confidentiality of the data and the security of the databases.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	03/26/04	69 FR 15761
R&O .....	11/26/04	69 FR 68859
Denial for Petition for Partial Stay.	12/02/04	
Seek Comment on Petition for Recon.	02/02/10	
Reply Period End	03/19/10	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Seek Comment on Broadband and Inter-connected VOIP Service Providers.	07/02/10	
Reply Period End	08/16/12	
2nd R&O, and Order on Recon, NPRM.	06/16/15	80 FR 34321
R&O .....	07/12/16	81 FR 45055
FNPRM, 1 Part 4 R&O, Order on Recon.	08/11/16	81 FR 45095, 81 FR 45055
Order Denying Extension of Time to File Reply Comments.	09/08/16	
Announcement of Effective Date for Rule Changes in R&O.	06/22/17	82 FR 28410
Second Further NPRM.	02/28/20	85 FR 17818
Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule-making.	03/31/20	
Second Further NPRM Comment Period End.	06/01/20	
Report & Order ...	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**337. Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA): PS Docket No. 15–91**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 109–347, title VI; 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i)

*Abstract:* This proceeding was initiated to improve Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) messaging, ensure that WEA alerts reach only those individuals to whom they are relevant, and establish an end-to-end testing program based on advancements in technology.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/19/15	80 FR 77289
NPRM Comment Period End.	01/13/16	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	02/12/16	
Order .....	11/01/16	81 FR 75710

Action	Date	FR Cite
FNPRM .....	11/08/16	81 FR 78539
Comment Period End.	12/08/16	
Petition for Recon	12/19/16	81 FR 91899
Order on Recon ..	12/04/17	82 FR 57158
2nd R&O and 2nd Order on Recon.	02/28/18	83 FR 8619
Public Notice .....	04/26/18	83 FR 18257
Public Notice Comment Pe-riod End.	05/29/18	
Public Notice Reply Comment Period End.	06/11/18	
Next Action Unde-termined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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**338. Blue Alert EAS Event Code**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 154(o); 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303(r) and (v); 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 335; 47 U.S.C. 403; 47 U.S.C. 544 (g); 47 U.S.C. 606 and 615

*Abstract:* In 2015, Congress adopted the Blue Alert Act to help the States provide effective alerts to the public and law enforcement when police and other law enforcement officers are killed or are in danger. To ensure that these State plans are compatible and integrated throughout the United States as envisioned by the Blue Alert Act, the Blue Alert Coordinator made a series of recommendations in a 2016 Report to Congress. Among these recommendations, the Blue Alert Coordinator identified the need for a dedicated EAS event code for Blue Alerts, and noted the alignment of the EAS with the implementation of the Blue Alert Act. On June 22, 2017, the FCC released an NPRM proposing to revise the EAS rules to adopt a new event code, which would allow transmission of Blue Alerts to the public over the EAS and thus satisfy the stated need for a dedicated EAS event code. On December 14, 2017, the Commission released an Order adopting a new Blue Alert EAS Code-BLU. EAS participants must be able to implement the BLU code by January 19, 2019. BLU alerts must be available to wireless emergency alerts by July, 2019.

*Timetable:*



Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/30/17	82 FR 29811
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/31/17	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	08/29/17	
Order .....	12/14/18	83 FR 2557
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Wireless Telecommunications Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**339. Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90, and 95 of the Commission's Rules To Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters (WT Docket No. 10-4)**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 79; 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 155; 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 227; 47 U.S.C. 303(r)

*Abstract:* This action adopts new technical, operational, and registration requirements for signal boosters. It creates two classes of signal boosters—consumer and industrial—with distinct regulatory requirements for each, thereby establishing a two-step transition process for equipment certification for both consumer and industrial signal boosters sold and marketed in the United States.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	05/10/11	76 FR 26983
R&O .....	04/11/13	78 FR 21555
Petition for Reconsideration.	06/06/13	78 FR 34015
Order on Reconsideration.	11/08/14	79 FR 70790
FNPRM .....	11/28/14	79 FR 70837
2nd R&O and 2nd FNPRM.	03/23/18	83 FR 17131
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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**340. Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Certain Aviation Ground Station Equipment (Squitter) (WT Docket Nos. 10-61 and 09-42)**

*Legal Authority:* 48 Stat. 1066, 1082 as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307(e); 47 U.S.C. 151 to 156; 47 U.S.C. 301

*Abstract:* This action amends part 87 rules to authorize new ground station technologies to promote safety and allow use of frequency 1090 MHz by aeronautical utility mobile stations for airport surface detection equipment (commonly referred to as “squitters”) to help reduce collisions between aircraft and airport ground vehicles.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/28/10	75 FR 22352
R&O .....	03/01/13	78 FR 61023
NPRM (release date).	06/07/19	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**341. Promoting Technological Solutions To Combat Wireless Contraband Device Use in Correctional Facilities; GN Docket No. 13-111**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 to 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303(a); 47 U.S.C. 303(b); 47 U.S.C. 307 to 310; 47 U.S.C. 332; 47 U.S.C. 302(a)

*Abstract:* In the Report and Order, the Commission addresses the problem of illegal use of contraband wireless devices by inmates in correctional facilities by streamlining the process of deploying contraband wireless device interdiction systems (CIS)—systems that use radio communications signals requiring Commission authorization—in correctional facilities. In particular, the Commission eliminates certain filing requirements and provides for immediate approval of the lease applications needed to operate these systems.

In the Further Notice, the Commission seeks comment on a process for wireless providers to disable contraband wireless devices once they have been identified. The Commission also seeks comment on additional methods and technologies that might prove successful in combating contraband device use in correctional facilities, and on various other proposals related to the authorization process for CISs and their deployment.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/18/13	78 FR 36469
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/08/13	
FNPRM .....	05/18/17	82 FR 22780
R&O .....	05/18/17	82 FR 22742
Final Rule Effective (Except for Rules Requiring OMB Approval).	06/19/17	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	07/17/17	
Final Rule Effective for 47 CFR 1.9020(n), 1.9030(m), 1.9035(o), and 20.23(a).	10/20/17	82 FR 48773
Final Rule Effective for 47 CFR 1.902(d)(8), 1.9035(d)(4), 20.18(a), and 20.18(r).	02/12/18	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**342. Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band; GN Docket No. 17-258**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 302(a); 47 U.S.C. 303 and 304; 47 U.S.C. 307(e); 47 U.S.C. 316

*Abstract:* The Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) adopted by the Commission established a new Citizens Broadband Radio Service for shared wireless broadband use of the 3550 to 3700 MHz band. The Citizens Broadband Radio Service is governed by a three-tiered spectrum authorization framework to accommodate a variety of commercial uses on a shared basis with incumbent Federal and non-Federal users of the band. Access and operations

will be managed by a dynamic spectrum access system. The three tiers are: Incumbent Access, Priority Access, and General Authorized Access. Rules governing the Citizens Broadband Radio Service are found in part 96 of the Commission's rules.

The Order on Reconsideration and Second Report and Order addressed several Petitions for Reconsideration submitted in response to the Report and Order and resolved the outstanding issues raised in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The 2017 NPRM sought comment on limited changes to the rules governing Priority Access Licenses in the band, adjacent channel emissions limits, and public release of base station registration information.

The 2018 Report and Order addressed the issues raised in the 2017 NPRM and implemented changes rules governing Priority Access Licenses in the band and public release of base station registration information.

On July 2020, the Commission commenced an auction of Priority Access Licenses in the band. "Winning bidders were announced on September 2, 2020".

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/08/13	78 FR 1188
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/19/13	
FNPRM .....	06/02/14	79 FR 31247
FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/15/14	
R&O and 2nd FNPRM.	06/15/15	80 FR 34119
2nd FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/14/15	
Order on Recon and 2nd R&O.	07/26/16	81 FR 49023
NPRM .....	11/28/17	82 FR 56193
NPRM Comment Period End.	01/29/18	
R&O .....	12/07/18	83 FR 6306
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK12

**343. Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Services—Spectrum Frontiers: WT Docket 10-112**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 to 154; 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 160; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 227; 47 U.S.C. 301 and 302; 47 U.S.C. 302(a); 47 U.S.C. 303 and 304; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 309 and 310; 47 U.S.C. 316; 47 U.S.C. 319; 47 U.S.C. 332; 47 U.S.C. 336; 47 U.S.C. 1302

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission adopted service rules for licensing of mobile and other uses for millimeter wave (mmW) bands. These high frequencies previously have been best suited for satellite or fixed microwave applications; however, recent technological breakthroughs have newly enabled advanced mobile services in these bands, notably including very high speed and low latency services. This action will help facilitate Fifth Generation mobile services and other mobile services. In developing service rules for mmW bands, the Commission will facilitate access to spectrum, develop a flexible spectrum policy, and encourage wireless innovation.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/13/16	81 FR 1802
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/26/16	
FNPRM .....	08/24/16	81 FR 58269
Comment Period End.	09/30/16	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	10/31/16	
R&O .....	11/14/16	81 FR 79894
R&O .....	01/02/18	83 FR 37
FNPRM .....	01/02/18	83 FR 85
FNPRM Comment Period End.	01/23/18	
R&O .....	07/20/18	83 FR 34478
FNPRM .....	07/20/18	83 FR 34520
FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/28/18	
R&O .....	02/05/19	84 FR 1618
R&O .....	05/01/19	84 FR 18405
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**344. Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band, WT Docket No. 18-120**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 to 153; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 157; 47

U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 301 and 302; 47 U.S.C. 304; 47 U.S.C. 307 to 310; 47 U.S.C. 1302

*Abstract:* The 2.5 GHz band (2496-2690 MHz) constitutes the single largest band of contiguous spectrum below 3 GHz and has been identified as prime spectrum for next generation mobile operations, including 5G uses. Significant portions of this band, however, currently lie fallow across approximately one-half of the United States, primarily in rural areas. Moreover, access to the Educational Broadband Service (EBS) has been strictly limited since 1995, and current licensees are subject to a regulatory regime largely unchanged from the days when educational TV was the only use envisioned for this spectrum. The Commission proposes to allow more efficient and effective use of this spectrum band by providing greater flexibility to current EBS licensees as well as providing new opportunities for additional entities to obtain unused 2.5 GHz spectrum to facilitate improved access to next generation wireless broadband, including 5G. The Commission also seeks comment on additional approaches for transforming the 2.5 GHz band, including by moving directly to an auction for some or all of the spectrum.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/07/18	83 FR 26396
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	06/21/18	83 FR 31515
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/07/18	
Final Rule .....	10/25/19	84 FR 57343
Dismissal of Petitions for Reconsideration.	02/23/21	86 FR 10839
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**345. Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band: GN Docket No. 18-122**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C.151 to 153; 47 U.S.C.154(i); 47 U.S.C.157; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 301 to 304; 47 U.S.C. 307 to 310; 47 U.S.C. 1302; . . .

*Abstract:* In the 2020 Report and Order, the Commission adopted rules to make 280 megahertz of mid-band

spectrum available for flexible use (plus a 20-megahertz guard band) throughout the contiguous United States. Pursuant to the Report and Order, existing fixed satellite service (FSS) and fixed services (FS) must relocate operations out of the lower portion of the 3.7–4.0 GHz band. The Commission will issue flexible use licenses in the 3.7–3.98 GHz portion of the band in the contiguous United States via a system of competitive bidding. The Commission established rules to govern the transition including optional payments for satellite operators that choose to relocate on an accelerated schedule and provide reimbursement to FSS operators and their associated earth stations for reasonable expenses incurred to facilitate the transition. The Report and Order also established service and technical rules for the new flexible use licenses that will be issued in the 3.7–3.98 GHz portion of the band. “On December 8, 2020, the Commission began an auction of licenses in the 3.7–3.98 GHz portion of the band. the winning bidders were announced on February 24, 2021”.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	08/29/18	83 FR 44128
NPRM Comment Period End.	11/27/18	
Public Notice .....	05/20/19	84 FR 22733
Certifications and Data Filing Deadline.	05/28/19	
Public Notice .....	06/03/19	84 FR 22514
Public Notice Comment Period End.	07/03/19	
Public Notice Reply Comment Period End.	07/18/19	
R&O .....	04/23/20	85 FR 22804
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060–AK76

**346. Amendment of the Commission’s Rules To Promote Aviation Safety: WT Docket No. 19–140**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 303; 307(e)

*Abstract:* The Federal Communications Commission regulates the Aviation Radio Service, a family of services using dedicated spectrum to enhance the safety of aircraft in flight, facilitate the efficient movement of aircraft both in the air and on the ground, and otherwise ensure the reliability and effectiveness of aviation communications. Recent technological advances have prompted the Commission to open this new rulemaking proceeding to ensure the timely deployment and use of today’s state-of-the-art safety-enhancing technologies. With this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission proposes changes to its part 87 Aviation Radio Service rules to support the deployment of more advanced avionics technology, increase the efficient use of limited spectrum resources, and generally improve aviation safety.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/02/19	84 FR 31542
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/03/19	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	09/30/19	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Wireline Competition Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**347. Local Telephone Networks That LECS Must Make Available to Competitors**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 251  
*Abstract:* The Commission adopted rules applicable to incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) to permit competitive carriers to access portions of the incumbent LECs’ networks on an unbundled basis. Unbundling allows

competitors to lease portions of the incumbent LECs’ network to provide telecommunications services. These rules, adopted in dockets CC 96–98, WC 01–338, and WC 04–313, are intended to accelerate the development of local exchange competition.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Second FNPRM ..	04/26/99	64 FR 20238
Fourth FNPRM ....	01/14/00	65 FR 2367
Errata Third R&O and Fourth FNPRM.	01/18/00	65 FR 2542
Second Errata Third R&O and Fourth FNPRM.	01/18/00	65 FR 2542
Supplemental Order.	01/18/00	65 FR 2542
Third R&O .....	01/18/00	65 FR 2542
Correction .....	04/11/00	65 FR 19334
Supplemental Order Clarification.	06/20/00	65 FR 38214
Public Notice .....	02/01/01	66 FR 8555
Public Notice .....	03/05/01	66 FR 18279
Public Notice .....	04/10/01	
Public Notice .....	04/23/01	
Public Notice .....	05/14/01	
NPRM .....	01/15/02	67 FR 1947
Public Notice .....	05/29/02	
Public Notice .....	08/01/02	
Public Notice .....	08/13/02	
NPRM .....	08/21/03	68 FR 52276
R&O and Order on Remand.	08/21/03	68 FR 52276
Errata .....	09/17/03	
Report .....	10/09/03	68 FR 60391
Order .....	10/28/03	
Order .....	01/09/04	
Public Notice .....	01/09/04	
Public Notice .....	02/18/04	
Order .....	07/08/04	
Second R&O .....	07/08/04	69 FR 43762
Order on Recon ..	08/09/04	69 FR 54589
Interim Order .....	08/20/04	69 FR 55111
NPRM .....	08/20/04	69 FR 55128
Public Notice .....	09/10/04	
Public Notice .....	09/13/04	
Public Notice .....	10/20/04	
Order on Recon ..	12/29/04	69 FR 77950
Order on Remand	02/04/04	
Public Notice .....	04/25/05	70 FR 29313
Public Notice .....	05/25/05	70 FR 34765
Declaratory Ruling	05/26/11	
NPRM .....	01/06/20	85 FR 472
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/06/20	
Report & Order ...	01/08/21	86 FR 1636
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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### 348. Numbering Resource Optimization

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*; 47 U.S.C. 251(e)

*Abstract:* To slow the rate of numbering exhaust in the U.S. and prolong the life of the North American Numbering Plan, this proceeding considers and implements a number of strategies to ensure that telephone numbers are used efficiently, and that all carriers have the numbering resources they need to compete in the rapidly expanding telecommunications marketplace.

In 1999, the Commission released the Numbering Resource Optimization Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice) in CC Docket 99–200. The Notice examined and sought comment on several administrative and technical measures aimed at improving the efficiency with which telecommunications numbering resources are used and allocated. It incorporated input from the North American Numbering Council (NANC), a Federal advisory committee, which advises the Commission on issues related to number administration.

In the Numbering Resource Optimization First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NRO First Report and Order), released on March 31, 2000, the Commission adopted a mandatory utilization data reporting requirement, a uniform set of categories of numbers for which carriers must report their utilization, and a utilization threshold framework to increase carrier accountability and incentives to use numbers efficiently. In addition, the Commission adopted a single system for allocating numbers in blocks of 1,000, rather than 10,000, wherever possible, and established a plan for national rollout of thousands-block number pooling. The Commission also adopted numbering resource reclamation requirements to ensure that unused numbers are returned to the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) inventory for assignment to other carriers. Also, to encourage better management of numbering resources, carriers are required, to the extent possible, to first assign numbering resources within thousands blocks (a form of sequential numbering).

In the NRO Second Report and Order, the Commission adopted a measure that requires all carriers to use at least 60 percent of their numbering resources before they may get additional numbers in a particular area. That 60 percent utilization threshold increases to 75 percent over the next three years. The

Commission also established a 5-year term for the national pooling administrator and an auditing program to verify carrier compliance with the Commission's rules. Furthermore, the Commission declined to amend the existing Federal rules for area code relief or specify any new Federal guidelines for the implementation of area code relief. The Commission also declined to state a preference for either all-services overlays or geographic splits as a method of area code relief.

Regarding mandatory nationwide 10-digit dialing, the Commission declined to adopt this measure at the present time. Furthermore, the Commission declined to mandate nationwide expansion of the "D digit" (the "N" of an NXX or central office code) to include zero or one, or to grant State commissions the authority to implement the expansion of the "D" digit as a numbering resource optimization measure presently.

In the NRO Third Report and Order, the Commission addressed national thousands-block number pooling administration issues, including declining to alter the implementation date for covered CMRS carriers to participate in pooling. The Commission also addressed Federal cost recovery for national thousands-block number pooling, and continued to require States to establish cost recovery mechanisms for costs incurred by carriers participating in pooling trials. The Commission reaffirmed the Months-To-Exhaust (MTE) requirement for carriers. The Commission declined to lower the utilization threshold established in the Second Report and Order, and declined to exempt pooling carriers from the utilization threshold. The Commission also established a safety valve mechanism to allow carriers that do not meet the utilization threshold in a given rate center to obtain additional numbering resources. In the NRO Third Report and Order, the Commission lifted the ban on technology-specific overlays (TSOs) and delegated authority to the Common Carrier Bureau, in consultation with the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, to resolve any such petitions. Furthermore, the Commission found that carriers who violate its numbering requirements, or fail to cooperate with an auditor conducting either a "for cause" or random audit, should be denied numbering resources in certain instances. The Commission also reaffirmed the 180-day reservation period, declined to impose fees to extend the reservation period, and found that State commissions should be

allowed password-protected access to the NANP Administrator database for data pertaining to NPAs located within their State. The measures adopted in the NRO orders will allow the Commission to monitor more closely the way numbering resources are used within the NANP, and will promote more efficient allocation and use of NANP resources by tying a carrier's ability to obtain numbering resources more closely to its actual need for numbers to serve its customers.

In NRO Third Order on Recon in CC Docket No. 99–200, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 99–200, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 95–116, the Commission reversed its clarification that those requirements extend to all carriers in the largest 100 MSAs, regardless of whether they have received a request from another carrier to provide LNP. The Commission also sought comment on whether the Commission should again extend the LNP requirements to all carriers in the largest 100 MSAs, regardless of whether they receive a request to provide LNP. The Commission also sought comment on whether all carriers in the top 100 MSAs should be required to participate in thousands-block number pooling, regardless of whether they are required to be LNP capable. In addition, the Commission sought comment on whether all MSAs included in Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas (CMSAs) on the Census Bureau's list of the largest 100 MSAs should be included on the Commission's list of the top 100 MSAs.

In the NRO Fourth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission reaffirmed that carriers must deploy LNP in switches within the 100 largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) for which another carrier has made a specific request for the provision of LNP. The Commission delegated the authority to State commissions to require carriers operating within the largest 100 MSAs that have not received a specific request for LNP from another carrier to provide LNP, under certain circumstances and on a case-by-case basis. The Commission concluded that all carriers, except those specifically exempted, are required to participate in thousands-block number pooling in accordance with the national rollout schedule, regardless of whether they are required to provide LNP, including commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers that were required to deploy LNP as of November 24, 2003. The Commission specifically exempted

from the pooling requirement rural telephone companies and Tier III CMRS providers that have not received a request to provide LNP. The Commission also exempted from the pooling requirement carriers that are the only service provider receiving numbering resources in a given rate center. Additionally, the Commission sought further comment on whether these exemptions should be expanded to include carriers where there are only two service providers receiving numbering resources in the rate center. Finally, the Commission reaffirmed that the 100 largest MSAs are identified in the 1990 U.S. Census reports, as well as those areas included on any subsequent U.S. Census report of the 100 largest MSAs.

In the NRO Order and Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission granted petitions for delegated authority to implement mandatory thousands-block pooling filed by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, the Nebraska Public Service Commission, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Michigan Public Service Commission, and the Missouri Public Service Commission. In granting these petitions, the Commission permitted these States to optimize numbering resources and further extend the life of the specific numbering plan areas. In the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission sought comment on whether it should delegate authority to all States to implement mandatory thousands-block number pooling consistent with the parameters set forth in the NRO Order.

In its 2013 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission proposed to allow interconnected Voice over internet Protocol (VOIP) providers to obtain telephone numbers directly from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the Pooling Administrator, subject to certain requirements. The Commission also sought comment on a forward-looking approach to numbers for other types of providers and uses, including telematics and public safety, and the benefits and number exhaust risks of granting providers other than interconnected VoIP providers direct access.

In its 2015 Report and Order, the Commission established an authorization process to enable interconnected VoIP providers that choose to obtain access to North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and/or the Pooling Administrator (Numbering

Administrators), rather than through intermediaries. The Order also set forth several conditions designed to minimize number exhaust and preserve the integrity of the numbering system. Specifically, the Commission required interconnected VoIP providers obtaining numbers to comply with the same requirements applicable to carriers seeking to obtain numbers. The requirements included any State requirements pursuant to numbering authority delegated to the States by the Commission, as well as industry guidelines and practices, among others. The Commission also required interconnected VoIP providers to comply with facilities readiness requirements adapted to this context, and with numbering utilization and optimization requirements. In addition, as conditions to requesting and obtaining numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators, the Commission required interconnected VoIP providers to (1) provide the relevant State commissions with regulatory and numbering contacts when requesting numbers in those States, (2) request numbers from the Numbering Administrators under their own unique OCN, (3) file any requests for numbers with the relevant State commissions at least 30 days prior to requesting numbers from the Numbering Administrators, and (4) provide customers with the opportunity to access all abbreviated dialing codes (N11 numbers) in use in a geographic area. Finally, the Order also modified Commission's rules in order to permit VoIP Positioning Center providers to obtain pseudo-Automatic Number Identification codes directly from the Numbering Administrators for purposes of providing E911 services.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/17/99	64 FR 32471
R&O and FNPRM	06/16/00	65 FR 37703
Second R&O and	02/08/01	66 FR 9528
Second FNPRM.		
Third R&O and	02/12/02	67 FR 643
Second Order		
on Recon.		
Third R&O on	04/05/02	67 FR 16347
Recon and		
Third FNPRM.		
Fourth R&O and	07/21/03	68 FR 43003
Fourth NPRM.		
Order and Fifth	03/15/06	71 FR 13393
FNPRM.		
Order .....	06/19/13	78 FR 36679
NPRM & NOI .....	06/19/13	78 FR 36725
R&O .....	10/29/15	80 FR 66454
Next Action Unde-		
termined.		

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**349. Jurisdictional Separations**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 205; 47 U.S.C. 221(c); 47 U.S.C. 254; 47 U.S.C. 403; 47 U.S.C. 410

*Abstract:* Jurisdictional separations is the process, pursuant to part 36 of the Commission's rules, by which incumbent local exchange carriers apportion regulated costs between the intrastate and interstate jurisdictions. In 1997, the Commission initiated a proceeding seeking comment on the extent to which legislative changes, technological changes, and marketplace changes warrant comprehensive reform of the separations process. In 2001, the Commission adopted the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations' Joint Board's recommendation to impose an interim freeze on the part 36 category relationships and jurisdictional cost allocation factors for a period of 5 years, pending comprehensive reform of the part 36 separations rules. In 2006, the Commission issued an Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that extended the separations freeze for a period of 3 years and sought comment on comprehensive reform. In 2009, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the separations freeze an additional year to June 2010. In 2010, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the separations freeze for an additional year to June 2011. In 2011, the Commission adopted a Report and Order extending the separations freeze for an additional year to June 2012. In 2012, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the separations freeze for an additional 2 years to June 2014. In 2014, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the separations freeze for an additional 3 years to June 2017.

In 2016, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the separations freeze for an additional 18 months until January 1, 2018. In 2017, the Joint Board issued a Recommended Decision recommending changes to the part 36 rules designed to harmonize them with the Commission's previous amendments to its part 32 accounting rules. In February 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing amendments to part 36

consistent with the Joint Board's recommendations. In October 2018, the Commission issued a Report and Order adopting each of the Joint Board's recommendations and amending the Part 36 consistent with those recommendations. In July 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to extend the separations freeze for an additional 15 years and to provide rate-of-return carriers that had elected to freeze their category relationships a time limited opportunity to opt out of that freeze. In December 2018, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the freeze for up to 6 years until December 31, 2024, and granting rate-of-return carriers that had elected to freeze their category relationships a one-time opportunity to opt out of that freeze.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/05/97	62 FR 59842
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/10/97	
Order .....	06/21/01	66 FR 33202
Order and FNPRM.	05/26/06	71 FR 29882
Order and FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/22/06	
R&O .....	05/15/09	74 FR 23955
R&O .....	05/25/10	75 FR 30301
R&O .....	05/27/11	76 FR 30840
R&O .....	05/23/12	77 FR 30410
R&O .....	06/13/14	79 FR 36232
R&O .....	06/02/17	82 FR 25535
Recommended Decision.	10/27/17	
NPRM .....	03/13/18	83 FR 10817
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/27/18	
NPRM .....	07/27/18	83 FR 35589
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/10/18	
R&O .....	12/11/18	83 FR 63581
R&O .....	02/15/19	84 FR 4351
Announcement of OMB Approval. Next Action Undetermined.	03/01/19	84 FR 6977

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**350. Rural Call Completion; WC Docket No. 13-39**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 217; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 202;

47 U.S.C. 218; 47 U.S.C. 220; 47 U.S.C. 262; 47 U.S.C. 403(b)(2)(B); 47 U.S.C. 251(a); 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 620; 47 U.S.C. 251; 47 U.S.C. 251(e); 47 U.S.C. 254(k); 47 U.S.C. 616; 47 U.S.C. 226; 47 U.S.C. 227; 47 U.S.C. 228; 47 U.S.C. 1401-1473

*Abstract:* The Third RCC Order began implementation of the Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2017 (RCC Act), by adopting rules designed to ensure the integrity of our nation's telephone network and prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of telephone service. In particular, the Third RCC Order adopted rules to establish a registry for intermediate providers entities that transmit, but do not originate or terminate, voice calls. The Order requires intermediate providers to register with the Commission before offering to transmit covered voice communications, and requires covered providers entities that select the initial long-distance route for a large number of lines to use only registered intermediate providers to transmit covered voice communications.

The Fourth RCC Order completed the Commission's implementation of the RCC Act by adopting service quality standards for intermediate providers, as well as an exception to those standards for intermediate providers that qualify for the covered provider safe harbor in our existing rules. The Order also set forth procedures to enforce our intermediate provider requirements. Finally, the Fourth RCC Order adopted provisions to sunset the rural call completion data recording and retention requirements adopted in the First RCC Order one year after the effective date of the new intermediate provider service quality standards.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/12/13	78 FR 21891
Public Notice .....	05/07/13	78 FR 26572
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/28/13	
R&O and FNPRM PRA 60 Day Notice.	12/17/13	78 FR 76218
FNPRM Comment Period End.	12/30/13	78 FR 79448
FNPRM Comment Period End.	02/18/14	
PRA Comments Due.	03/11/14	
Public Notice .....	05/06/14	79 FR 25682
Order on Reconsideration.	12/10/14	79 FR 73227
Erratum .....	01/08/15	80 FR 1007
Public Notice .....	03/04/15	80 FR 11593
2nd FNPRM .....	07/27/17	82 FR 34911
2nd FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/28/17	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Reply Comment Period End.	09/25/17	
2nd Order .....	04/17/18	83 FR 21723
3rd FNPRM .....	04/17/18	83 FR 21983
3rd FNPRM Comment Period End.	06/04/18	
3rd FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	06/19/18	
3rd Order .....	08/13/18	83 FR 47296
4th Order .....	03/15/19	84 FR 25692
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**351. Comprehensive Review of the Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts (WC Docket No. 14-130)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 201(b); 47 U.S.C. 219 and 220

*Abstract:* The Commission initiates a rulemaking proceeding to review the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) to consider ways to minimize the compliance burdens on incumbent local exchange carriers while ensuring that the Agency retains access to the information it needs to fulfill its regulatory duties. In light of the Commission's actions in areas of price cap regulation, universal service reform, and intercarrier compensation reform, the Commission stated that it is likely appropriate to streamline the existing rules even though those reforms may not have eliminated the need for accounting data for some purposes. The Commission's analysis and proposals are divided into three parts. First, the Commission proposes to streamline the USOA accounting rules while preserving their existing structure. Second, the Commission seeks more focused comment on the accounting requirements needed for price cap carriers to address our statutory and regulatory obligations. Third, the Commission seeks comment on several related issues, including state requirements, rate effects, implementation, continuing property records, and legal authority.

On February 23, 2017, the Commission adopted a Report and Order that revised the part 32 USOA to substantially reduce accounting burdens

for both price cap and rate-of-return carriers. First, the Order streamlines the USOA for all carriers. In addition, the USOA will be aligned more closely with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Second, the Order allows price cap carriers to use GAAP for all regulatory accounting purposes as long as they comply with targeted accounting rules, which are designed to mitigate any impact on pole attachment rates. Alternatively, price cap carriers can elect to use GAAP accounting for all purposes other than those associated with pole attachment rates and continue to use the part 32 accounts for pole attachment rates for up to 12 years. Third, the Order addresses several miscellaneous issues, including referral to the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations the issue of examining jurisdictional separations rules in light of the reforms adopted to part 32.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	09/15/14	79 FR 54942
NPRM Comment Period End.	11/14/14	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	12/15/14	
R&O .....	04/04/17	82 FR 20833
Next Action Undetermined.		

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**352. Restoring Internet Freedom (WC Docket No. 17-108); Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet (GN Docket No. 14-28)**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and (j); 47 U.S.C. 201(b)

*Abstract:* In December 2017, the Commission adopted the Restoring Internet Freedom Declaratory Ruling, Report and Order, and Order (Restoring Internet Freedom Order), which restored the light-touch regulatory framework under which the Internet had grown and thrived for decades by classifying broadband internet access service as an information service. The Restoring Internet Freedom Order ends title II regulation of the internet and returns broadband internet access service to its long-standing classification as an information service; reinstates the determination that mobile broadband internet access service is not a

commercial mobile service and returns it to its original classification as a private mobile service; finds that transparency, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) economic incentives, and antitrust and consumer protection laws will protect the openness of the internet, and that title II regulation is unnecessary to do so; and adopts a transparency rule similar to that in the 2010 Open Internet Order, requiring disclosure of network management practices, performance characteristics, and commercial terms of service. Additionally, the transparency rule requires ISPs to disclose any blocking, throttling, paid prioritization, or affiliate prioritization, and eliminates the internet conduct standard and the bright-line conduct rules set forth in the 2015 title II Order.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/01/14	79 FR 37448
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/18/14	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	09/15/14	
R&O on Remand, Declaratory Ruling, and Order.	04/13/15	80 FR 19737
NPRM .....	06/02/17	82 FR 25568
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/03/17	
Declaratory Ruling, R&O, and Order.	02/22/18	83 FR 7852
Order on Remand Next Action Undetermined.	01/07/21	86 FR 994

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**353. Technology Transitions; GN Docket No. 13-5, WC Docket No. 05-25; Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment; WC Docket No. 17-84**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 251

*Abstract:* On April 20, 2017, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Notice of Inquiry, and Request for Comment (Wireline Infrastructure NPRM, NOI, and RFC) seeking input on a number of actions designed to accelerate: (1) The deployment of next-generation networks

and services by removing barriers to infrastructure investment at the Federal, State, and local level; (2) the transition from legacy copper networks and services to next-generation fiber-based networks and services; and (3) the reduction of Commission regulations that raise costs and slow, rather than facilitate, broadband deployment.

On November 16, 2017, the Commission adopted a Report and Order (R&O), Declaratory Ruling, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Wireline Infrastructure Order) that takes a number of actions and seeks comment on further actions designed to accelerate the deployment of next-generation networks and services through removing barriers to infrastructure investment.

The Wireline Infrastructure Order took a number of actions. First, the Report and Order revised the pole attachment rules to reduce costs for attachers, reforms the pole access complaint procedures to settle access disputes more swiftly, and increases access to infrastructure for certain types of broadband providers. Second, the Report and Order revised the section 214(a) discontinuance rules and the network change notification rules, including those applicable to copper retirements, to expedite the process for carriers seeking to replace legacy network infrastructure and legacy services with advanced broadband networks and innovative new services. Third, the Report and Order reversed a 2015 ruling that discontinuance authority is required for solely wholesale services to carrier-customers. Fourth, the Declaratory Ruling abandoned the 2014 “functional test” interpretation of when section 214 discontinuance applications are required, bringing added clarity to the section 214(a) discontinuance process for carriers and consumers alike. Finally, the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking sought comment on additional potential pole attachment reforms, reforms to the network change disclosure and section 214(a) discontinuance processes, and ways to facilitate rebuilding networks impacted by natural disasters. Various parties filed a Petition for Review of the Wireline Infrastructure Order in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The Ninth Circuit denied the Petition on January 23, 2020 on the grounds that the parties lacked standing. On June 7, 2018, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order (Wireline Infrastructure Second Report and Order) taking further actions designed to expedite the transition from legacy networks and services to next

generation networks and advanced services that benefit the American public and to promote broadband deployment by further streamlining the section 214(a) discontinuance rules, network change disclosure processes, and part 68 customer notification process.

The Wireline Infrastructure NPRM, NOI, and RFC sought comment on additional issues not addressed in the November Wireline Infrastructure Order or the June Wireline Infrastructure Second Report and Order. It sought comment on changes to the Commission's pole attachment rules to: (1) Streamline the timeframe for gaining access to utility poles; (2) reduce charges paid by attachers for work done to make a pole ready for new attachments; and (3) establish a formula for computing the maximum pole attachment rate that may be imposed on an incumbent LEC.

The Wireline Infrastructure NPRM, NOI, and RFC also sought comment on whether the Commission should enact rules, consistent with its authority under section 253 of the Act, to promote the deployment of broadband infrastructure by preempting State and local laws that inhibit broadband deployment. It also sought comment on whether there are State laws governing the maintenance or retirement of copper facilities that serve as a barrier to deploying next-generation technologies and services that the Commission might seek to preempt.

Previously, in November 2014, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Declaratory Ruling that: (1) Proposed new backup power rules; (2) proposed new or revised rules for copper retirements and service discontinuances; and (3) adopted a functional test in determining what constitutes a service for purposes of section 214(a) discontinuance review. In August 2015, the Commission adopted a Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that: (i) Lengthened and revised the copper retirement process; (ii) determined that a carrier must obtain Commission approval before discontinuing a service used as a wholesale input if the carrier's actions will discontinue service to a carrier-customer's retail end users; (iii) adopted an interim rule requiring incumbent LECs that seek to discontinue certain TDM-based wholesale services to commit to certain rates, terms, and conditions; (iv) proposed further revisions to the copper retirement discontinuance process; and (v) upheld the November 2014 Declaratory Ruling. In July 2016, the

Commission adopted a Second Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, and Order on Reconsideration that: (i) Adopted a new test for obtaining streamlined treatment when carriers seek Commission authorization to discontinue legacy services in favor of services based on newer technologies; (ii) set forth consumer education requirements for carriers seeking to discontinue legacy services in favor of services based on newer technologies; (iii) allowed notice to customers of discontinuance applications by email; (iv) required carriers to provide notice of discontinuance applications to Tribal entities; (v) made a technical rule change to create a new title for copper retirement notices and certifications; and (vi) harmonized the timeline for competitive LEC discontinuances caused by incumbent LEC network changes.

On August 2, 2018, the Commission adopted a Third Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling (Wireline Infrastructure Third Report and Order) establishing a new framework for the vast majority of pole attachments governed by Federal law by instituting a one-touch make-ready regime, in which a new attacher may elect to perform all simple work to prepare a pole for new wireline attachments in the communications space. This new framework includes safeguards to promote coordination among parties and ensures that new attachers perform work safely and reliably. The Commission retained its multi-party pole attachment process for attachments that are complex or above the communications space of a pole, but made significant modifications to speed deployment, promote accurate billing, expand the use of self-help for new attachers when attachment deadlines are missed, and reduce the likelihood of coordination failures that lead to unwarranted delays. The Commission also improved its pole attachment rules by codifying and redefining Commission precedent that requires utilities to allow attachers to overlap existing wires, thus maximizing the usable space on the pole; eliminating outdated disparities between the pole attachment rates that incumbent carriers must pay compared to other similarly-situated cable and telecommunications attachers; and clarifying that the Commission will preempt, on an expedited case-by-case basis, State and local laws that inhibit the rebuilding or restoration of broadband infrastructure after a disaster. The Commission also adopted a Declaratory Ruling that interpreted section 253(a) of the

Communications Act to prohibit State and local express and *de facto* moratoria on the deployment of telecommunications services or facilities and directed the Wireline Competition and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus to act promptly on petitions challenging specific alleged moratoria. Numerous parties filed appeals of the Wireline Infrastructure Third Report and Order, and the appeals were consolidated in the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit. On August 12, 2020, the Ninth Circuit issued an opinion upholding the Wireline Infrastructure Third Report and Order in all respects.

On August 8, 2018, Public Knowledge filed a Petition for Reconsideration of the Second Report and Order and Motion to Hold in Abeyance. On October 20, 2020, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) adopted a Declaratory Ruling, Order on Reconsideration, and Order. In the Declaratory Ruling, the Bureau clarified that any carrier seeking to discontinue legacy voice service to a community or part of a community that is the last retail provider of such legacy TDM service to that community or part of the community is subject to the Commission's technology transition discontinuance rules, including the requirements to receive streamlined treatment of its discontinuance application. In the Order on Reconsideration, the Bureau denied the Public Knowledge Petition for Reconsideration because all of Public Knowledge's arguments were fully considered, and rejected, by the Commission in the underlying proceeding. It also dismissed as moot the accompanying motion to have the Commission hold that *Order* in abeyance pending the outcome of the appeal that the Ninth Circuit ultimately denied.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/06/15	80 FR 450
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/05/15	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	03/09/15	
FNPRM .....	09/25/15	80 FR 57768
R&O .....	09/25/15	80 FR 57768
FNPRM Comment Period End.	10/26/15	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	11/24/15	
2nd R&O .....	09/12/16	81 FR 62632
NPRM .....	05/16/17	82 FR 224533
NPRM Comment Period End.	06/15/17	



Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	07/17/17	
R&O .....	12/28/17	82 FR 61520
FNPRM Comment Period End.	01/17/18	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	02/16/18	
2nd R&O .....	07/09/18	83 FR 31659
3rd R&O .....	09/14/18	83 FR 46812
Order on Reconsideration.	02/02/21	86 FR 8872
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**354. Implementation of the Universal Service Portions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*  
*Abstract:* The Telecommunications Act of 1996 expanded the traditional goal of universal service to include increased access to both telecommunications and advanced services such as high-speed internet for all consumers at just, reasonable and affordable rates. The Act established principles for universal service that specifically focused on increasing access to evolving services for consumers living in rural and insular areas, and for consumers with low-incomes. Additional principles called for increased access to high-speed internet in the nation's schools, libraries, and rural healthcare facilities. The FCC established four programs within the Universal Service Fund to implement the statute: Connect America Fund (formally known as High-Cost Support) for rural areas; Lifeline (for low-income consumers), including initiatives to expand phone service for Native Americans; Schools and Libraries (E-rate); and Rural Healthcare. The Universal Service Fund is paid for by contributions from telecommunications carriers, including wireline and wireless companies, and interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers, including cable companies that provide voice service, based on an assessment on their interstate and international end-user revenues. The Universal Service Administrative Company, or USAC,

administers the four programs and collects monies for the Universal Service Fund under the direction of the FCC.  
 On February 7, 2020, the Commission launched \$20 Billion Rural Digital Opportunity Fund.  
 On April 2, 2020, the Commission fought COVID-19 with \$200M; Adopts Long-Term Connected Care Study.  
 On July 17, 2020, the Commission integrated provisions of the recently enacted Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Acts of 2019 into the existing supply chain rulemaking.  
*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
R&O and FNPRM NPRM Comment Period End.	01/13/17 02/13/17	82 FR 4275
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	02/27/17	
R&O and Order on Recon.	03/21/17	82 FR 14466
Order on Recon ..	05/19/17	82 FR 22901
Order on Recon ..	06/08/17	82 FR 26653
Memorandum, Opinion & Order.	06/21/17	82 FR 228224
NPRM .....	07/30/19	84 FR 36865
NPRM .....	08/21/19	84 FR 43543
R&O and Order on Recon.	11/07/19	84 FR 59937
Order on Recon ..	12/09/19	84 FR 67220
R&O .....	12/20/19	84 FR 70026
R&O .....	12/27/19	84 FR 71308
R&O .....	01/17/20	85 FR 3044
Report & Order ...	03/10/20	85 FR 13773
Report & Order ...	05/11/20	85 FR 19892
Declaratory Ruling/2nd FNPRM.	08/04/20	85 FR 48134
Next Action Undetermined.		

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**355. Toll Free Assignment Modernization and Toll Free Service Access Codes: WC Docket No. 17-192, CC Docket No. 95-155**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 201(b); 47 U.S.C. 251(e)(1)  
*Abstract:* In this Report and Order (Order), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) initiates an auction to distribute certain toll free numbers. The numbers to be auctioned will be in the new 833 toll free code for which

there have been multiple, competing requests.  
 By using an auction, the FCC will ensure that sought-after numbers are awarded to the parties that value them most. In addition, the FCC will reserve certain 833 numbers for distribution to government and non-profit entities that request them for public health and safety purposes. The FCC will study the results of the auction to determine how to best use the mechanism to distribute toll-free numbers equitably and efficiently in the future as well. Revenues from the auction will be used to defray the cost of toll-free numbering administration, reducing the cost of numbering for all users. The Order establishing the toll-free number auction will also authorize and accommodate the use of a secondary market for numbers awarded at auction to further distribute these numbers to the entities that value them most. The Order also adopted several definitional and technical updates to improve clarity and flexibility in toll-free number assignment.  
 The Commission sought comment and then adopted auctions procedures and deadlines on August 2, 2019. Bidding for the auction occurred on December 17, 2019, and Somos issued an announcement of the winning bidders on December 20, 2019. On December 16, 2019, to facilitate the preparation of its study of the auction, the Bureau charged the North American Numbering Council, via its Toll Free Access Modernization Working Group, to issue a report evaluating various aspects of the 833 Auction, and recommending improvements for any future toll free number auctions.  
 On January 16, 2020, Somos released all of the 833 Auction data for public review. On March 13, 2020, the Bureau invited public comment on the 833 Auction in preparation for issuing a report on the lessons learned from the Auction. Comments were due on April 13, 2020. On July 14, 2020, the North American Numbering Council approved the Toll Free Assignment Modernization Working Group's report, Perspectives on the December 2019 Auction of Numbers in the 833 Numbering Plan Area.  
 On January 15, 2021, the Bureau released a report that examined various aspects of this toll free number assignment experiment, including lessons learned, examination of auction outcomes, and recommendations for future toll free number assignment. The Bureau concluded that the 833 Auction was a successful experiment that provided invaluable experience and data that can facilitate further Commission efforts to continue to

modernize toll free number allocation in the future.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/13/17	82 FR 47669
NPRM Comment Period End.	11/13/17	
Final Rule .....	10/23/18	83 FR 53377
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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**356. Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; WC Docket Nos. 19-195 and 11-10**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 35 to 39; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 211; 47 U.S.C. 219; 47 U.S.C. 220; 47 U.S.C. 402(b)(2)(B); Pub. L. 104-104; 47 U.S.C. 151-154; 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 254; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 319; 47 U.S.C. 332; 47 U.S.C. 641 to 646; Pub. L 116-130; . . .

*Abstract:* In the Report and Order, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), moving to better identify gaps in broadband coverage across the nation, initiated a new process for collecting fixed broadband data to better pinpoint where broadband service is lacking. The Report and Order concluded that there is a compelling and immediate need to develop more granular broadband deployment data to meet this goal and, accordingly, created the new Digital Opportunity Data Collection.

The Digital Opportunity Data Collection will collect geospatial broadband coverage maps from fixed broadband internet service providers of areas where they make fixed service available. This geospatial data will facilitate development of granular, high-quality fixed broadband deployment maps, which should improve the FCC's ability to target support for broadband expansion through the agency's Universal Service Fund programs. The Report and Order also adopts a process to collect public input on the accuracy of service providers' broadband maps, facilitated by a crowd-sourcing portal that will gather input from consumers as well as from state, local, and Tribal governments.

The Second Further NPRM sought comment on additional technical standards for fixed broadband providers that could ensure greater precision for

the Digital Opportunity Data Collection deployment reporting and on ways the Commission could incorporate crowdsourced and location-specific fixed broadband deployment data into this new data collection. The Second Further NPRM also sought comment on incorporating the collection of accurate, reliable mobile wireless voice and broadband coverage data into the Digital Opportunity Data Collection. In addition, the Second Further NPRM sought comment on sunseting the Form 477 broadband deployment collection following the creation of the Digital Opportunity Data Collection.

The Second Report and Order established requirements for: (1) Collecting fixed broadband availability and quality of service data; (2) collecting mobile broadband deployment data, including the submission of standardized propagation maps, propagation model details, and infrastructure information; (3) establishing a common dataset of all locations in the United States where fixed broadband service can be installed; (4) verifying the accuracy of broadband availability data; (5) collecting crowdsourced data; (6) enforcing the requirements of the Broadband DATA Act; (7) creating coverage maps from the data submitted; and (8) ensuring the privacy, confidentiality, and security of information submitted by broadband providers.

The Third Further NPRM sought comment on a range of additional measures to implement the requirements of the Broadband DATA Act, including additional processes for verifying broadband availability data submitted by providers, the development of a challenge process, and FCC Form 477 reforms.

The Third Report and Order specified which fixed and mobile broadband internet access service providers are required to report broadband availability data and expanded the reporting and certification requirements for certain fixed and mobile broadband filers in order to ensure that Commission staff have the necessary tools to assess the quality and accuracy of its broadband coverage maps. The Third Report and Order also adopted standards for collecting verified broadband data from State, local, and Tribal entities and certain third parties and adopted processes for submitting challenges to fixed and mobile coverage map data and data in the location Fabric, along with processes for providers to respond to such challenges. In addition, the Third Report and Order established standards for identifying

locations that will be included in the broadband serviceable locations Fabric and for enforcement of the requirements associated with the Digital Opportunity Data Collection.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	08/03/17	82 FR 40118
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/25/17	
Report & Order ...	08/01/19	84 FR 43705
Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule-making.	08/01/19	84 FR 43764
Second Further NPRM Comment Period End.	10/07/19	
2nd R&O .....	07/16/20	85 FR 50886
3rd FNPRM .....	07/16/20	85 FR 50911
3rd FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/08/20	
3rd R&O .....	01/13/21	
Next Action Undetermined.		

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**357. Call Authentication Trust Anchor**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 251; 47 U.S.C. 227; 47 U.S.C. 227b; 47 U.S.C. 503

*Abstract:* On June 6, 2019, the Commission adopted a Declaratory Ruling and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CG Docket No. 17-59, WC Docket No. 17-97) that proposed and sought comment on mandating implementation of STIR/SHAKEN in the event that major voice service providers did not voluntarily implement the framework by the end of 2019.

On December 30, 2019, Congress enacted the Pallone-Thune Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act. Along with numerous other provisions directed at addressing robocalls, the TRACED Act directs the Commission to require all voice service providers to implement STIR/SHAKEN in the internet Protocol (IP) portions of their networks, and to implement an effective caller ID authentication framework in the non-IP portions of their networks. The TRACED Act further creates processes by which voice service providers may be exempt from this

mandate if the Commission determines they have achieved certain implementation benchmarks, and by which voice service providers may be granted a delay in compliance based on a finding of undue hardship because of burdens or barriers to implementation or based on a delay in development of a caller ID authentication protocol for calls delivered over non-IP networks.

On March 31, 2020, the Commission adopted a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (WC Docket Nos. 17–97, 20–67). The Report and Order mandated that all originating and terminating voice service providers implement the STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication framework in the IP portions of their networks by June 30, 2021. In the Further Notice the Commission sought comment on proposals to further promote caller ID authentication and implement the TRACED Act.

On September 29, 2020, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order (WC Docket No. 17–97). The Second Report and Order implemented rules (1) granting extensions for compliance with the STIR/SHAKEN implementation mandate for small voice service providers, voice service providers that cannot obtain a SPC token from the Governance Authority, services scheduled for section 214 discontinuance, for those portions of a voice service provider’s network that rely on non-IP technology, and establishing a process for individual voice service providers to seek provider specific extensions; (2) requiring voice service providers using non-IP technology either to upgrade their networks to IP to enable STIR/SHAKEN implementation, or work to develop non-IP caller ID authentication technology and implement a robocall mitigation program in the interim; (3) establishing a process whereby a voice service provider may be exempt from the STIR/SHAKEN implementation mandate if the provider has achieved certain implementation benchmarks; (4) prohibiting voice service providers from imposing line item charges on consumer and small business subscribers for caller ID authentication; and (5) requiring intermediate providers to implement STIR/SHAKEN.

On January 13, 2021, the Commission adopted a Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing and seeking comment on a limited role for the Commission to oversee certificate revocation decisions by the private STIR/SHAKEN Governance Authority that would have the effect of placing providers in noncompliance with the Commission’s rules.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NOI .....	07/14/17	
DR and 3rd FNPRM.	06/06/19	84 FR 29478
NPRM .....	06/24/19	84 FR 29478
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/23/19	
3rd FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/23/19	
R&O and FNPRM FNPRM Comment Period End.	03/31/20 05/29/20	85 FR 22029
2nd R&O .....	09/29/20	85 FR 73360
2nd FNPRM .....	01/13/21	86 FR 9894
2nd FNPRM Comment Period.	03/19/21	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

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**358. Implementation of the National Suicide Improvement Act of 2018**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 251

*Abstract:* On August 14, 2018, Congress passed the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act (Act). Pub. L. 115–233, 132 Stat. 2424 (2018). The purpose of the Act was to study and report on the feasibility of designating a 3-digit dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system by considering each of the current N11 designations. The Act directed the Commission to: (1) Conduct a study that examines the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember, 3-digit dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system; and (2) analyze how well the current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is working to address the needs of veterans. The Act also directed the Commission to coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services’ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the North American Numbering Council (NANC) in conducting the study, and to produce a report on the study by August 14, 2019.

On August 14, 2019, the Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analytics submitted its

report to Congress recommending that: (1) A 3-digit dialing code be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system; and (2) the Commission should initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider designating 988 as the 3-digit code.

On December 12, 2019, the Commission released a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) proposing to designate 988 as a new, nationwide, 3-digit dialing code for a suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline. WC Docket No. 18–336. The NPRM proposes that calls made to 988 be directed to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which is made up of an expansive network of over 170 crisis centers located across the United States, and to the Veterans Crisis Line. The NPRM also proposes to require all telecommunications carriers and interconnected VoIP service providers to make, within 18 months, any changes necessary to ensure that users can dial 988 to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Veterans Crisis Line.

On July 16, 2020, the Commission adopted an Order designating 988 as the 3-digit number to reach the Lifeline and Veterans Crisis Line (800–273–TALK or 800–273–8255) and requiring all telecommunications carriers, interconnected voice over internet Protocol (VoIP) providers, and one-way VoIP providers to make any network changes necessary to ensure that users can dial 988 to reach the Lifeline by July 16, 2022.

On October 16, 2020, the Communications Equality Advocates filed a petition for partial reconsideration of the FCC’s July 16, 2020 Report and Order. In their petition, Communications Equality Advocates requested that the FCC revise the Order to mandate text-to-988 and direct video calling (DVC) requirements and to have such requirements be implemented on the same timeline as voice calls to 988, by July 16, 2022.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/15/20	85 FR 2359
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/16/20	
Report & Order ...	07/16/20	
PFR .....	10/16/20	
Oppositions Due	12/02/20	
Replies Due .....	12/14/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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### 359. Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an Era of Next-Generation Networks and Services

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 10; 47 U.S.C. 251

*Abstract:* On November 22, 2019, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on proposals to update the unbundling and avoided-cost resale obligations stemming from the 1996 Act and applicable only to incumbent LECs. Many of these obligations appear to no longer be necessary in many geographic areas due to vigorous competition for mass market broadband services in urban areas and numerous intermodal voice capabilities and services. But recognizing that rural areas pose special challenges for broadband deployment, the NPRM did not propose any change to unbundling requirements for broadband-capable loops in rural areas. The NPRM sought to promote the Commission's efforts to reduce unnecessary and outdated regulatory burdens that appear to discourage the deployment of next-generation networks, delay the IP transition, unnecessarily burden incumbent LECs with no similar obligations placed on their competitors, and no longer benefit consumers or serve the purpose for which they were intended.

On October 27, 2020, the Commission adopted a Report and Order (1) eliminating unbundling requirements, subject to a reasonable transition period, for enterprise-grade DS1 and DS3 loops where there is evidence of actual and potential competition, for broadband-capable DS0 loops and associated subloops in the most densely populated areas, and for voice-grade narrowband loops nationwide, but preserving unbundling requirements for DS0 loops in less densely populated areas and DS1 and DS3 loops in areas without sufficient evidence of competition; (2) eliminating unbundling requirements for network interface devices and multiunit premises subloops; (3) eliminating unbundled dark fiber transport provisioned from wire centers within a half-mile of competitive fiber networks, but providing an eight-year transition period for existing circuits so as to avoid stranding investment and last-mile deployment by competitive LECs that may harm consumers; (4) eliminating unbundling requirements for operations support systems, except

where carriers are continuing to manage UNEs and for purposes of local interconnection and local number portability; and (5) eliminating remaining avoided-cost resale requirements. The Report and Order ended unbundling and resale requirements where they stifle technology transitions and broadband deployment, but preserved unbundling requirements where they are still necessary to realize the 1996 Act's goal of robust intermodal competition benefiting all Americans.

#### *Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/06/20	85 FR 472
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/06/20	
Report & Order ...	01/08/21	86 FR 1636
Next Action Undetermined.		

#### *Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

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### 360. Eliminating Ex Ante Pricing Regulation and Tariffing of Telephone Access Charges (WC Docket 20-71)

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 160; 47 U.S.C. 201 to 203; 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 251; 47 U.S.C. 254; 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 616

*Abstract:* The NPRM proposes to deregulate and detariff Telephone Access Charges, which represent the last handful of interstate end-user charges that remain subject to regulation. The Notice also proposes to prohibit all carriers from separately listing these charges on customers' bills, given that some Telephone Access Charges are used to calculate contributions to the Federal Universal Service Fund and other federal programs as well as high cost support this Notice also proposes and seeks comment on ways to ensure stability in funding these programs.

#### *Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/01/20	85 FR 30899
Next Action Undetermined.		

#### *Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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### 361. Service Quality Measurement Plan for Interstate Special Access (WC Docket No. 02-112; CC Docket No. 00-175; WC Docket No. 06-120)

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and (j); 47 U.S.C. 201 to 204; 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 220(a); 47 U.S.C. 251 and 252; 47 U.S.C. 272; 47 U.S.C. 303(r)

*Abstract:* Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the Commission imposed two information collections as conditions of substantial regulatory relief granted to the Bell Operating Companies (BOCs), including their independent incumbent local exchange carrier affiliates. The first information collection requires the BOCs, including their independent incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) affiliates, to report special access performance metrics on a quarterly basis. The second information collection required the BOCs, and their independent incumbent LEC affiliates, to provide their residential customers with the total number of long distance telecommunications service minutes they use each month. The second information collection expired in 2011.

On May 4, 2018, USTelecom filed a forbearance petition in which it sought forbearance from, among other things, obligations under section 272 of the Communications Act, including special access performance metrics reporting requirements for all carriers. See Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 18-141 (filed May 4, 2018).

The Commission has sought comment on the USTelecom petition—*Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks*, WC Docket No. 18-141, Order, DA 18-574 (June 1, 2018).

Comments and oppositions were due June 7, 2018, and replies by June 22, 2018 (DA18-475). These dates were extended until August 6, 2018, and September 5, 2018 (DA-18-574). The Commission extended the date by which the petition would be deemed

granted in the absence of a Commission decision that the petition fails to meet the standards for forbearance under section 10(a) of the Act by 90 days until August 2, 2019. (DA 19–75).

The Commission terminated these two information collections. See Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, Memorandum Opinion and Order, WC Docket No. 18–141, FCC 19–31 (April 15, 2019).

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/02/01	66 FR 50139
NPRM Comment Period End.	11/01/01	
NPRM .....	05/29/03	68 FR 32007
NPRM Comment Period End.	06/30/03	

Action	Date	FR Cite
R&O .....	10/12/07	72 FR 58021
NPRM .....	01/22/13	78 FR 4369
R&O .....	11/13/13	78 FR 67956
FNPRM .....	11/13/13	78 FR 68005
FNPRM Comment Period End.	12/20/13	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	01/13/14	
OMB Approval .....	06/12/14	79 FR 33709
Inactive per Maura McGowan.	03/31/16	
Notice and Request for Comment.	05/16/17	82 FR 22545
Comment Period End.	07/17/17	
OMB Approval .....	09/06/17	
US Telecom Petition for Forbearance Comment Period End.	08/06/18	

Action	Date	FR Cite
US Telecom Petition for Forbearance Reply Comment Period End.	09/05/18	
Withdrawn .....	03/31/21	

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