

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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**Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions—Spring 2024**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Semiannual Regulatory Agenda.

**SUMMARY:** In the Spring and Fall of each year, the Federal Communications Commission publishes in the **Federal Register** a list in the Unified Agenda of those major items and other significant regulatory proceedings under development or review that pertain to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 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. 15-137,” 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)**—the Commission will issue an NOI when it is seeking information on a broad

subject or trying to generate ideas on a given topic. Interested parties may submit comments during the specified comment period.

**Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)**—the Commission will issue an NPRM when it is proposing new rules or changes to existing rules and regulations. Before any changes are made, the Commission requests interested parties to submit written comments on the proposed rules or revisions.

**Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)**—the Commission will issue an FNPRM when it is seeking additional information from the public and requests the public to submit comments in the proceeding.

**Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O)**—the Commission will issue an MO&O in response to a petition for rulemaking, to conclude an inquiry, modify a decision, amend a Report and Order, or state that the Report and Order will not be changed.

**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)**—the Commission may issue an R&O that will either adopt new rules, change existing rules, or state that no rule or regulation changes will be made.

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

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265 .....	Implementation of the Middle-Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012/Establishment of a Public Safety Answering Point Do-Not-Call Registry (CG Docket No. 12-129).	3060-AJ84
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269 .....	Empowering Broadband Consumers Through Transparency (CG Docket No 22-2) .....	3060-AL33
270 .....	Targeting and Eliminating Unlawful Text Messages, CG Docket 21-403, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	3060-AL49
271 .....	Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Relay Service; CG Docket No. 12-38 .....	3060-AL58
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285 .....	FCC Implements and Proposes Final Acts of the WRC–19 and WRC–15, ET Docket No. 21–120 & 21–121, and RM–11785.	3060–AL77

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289 .....	2018 Quadrennial Regulatory Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules (MB Docket 18–349).	3060–AK77
290 .....	Equal Employment Opportunity Enforcement (MB Docket 19–177) .....	3060–AK86
291 .....	Duplication of Programming on Commonly Owned Radio Stations (MB Docket No. 19–310) .....	3060–AL19
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293 .....	FM Broadcast Booster Stations (MB Docket 20–401) .....	3060–AL21
294 .....	Amendment of Part 73 Rules to Update Television and Class A Television Broadcast Station Rules, and Rules Applicable to All Broadcast Stations (MB Docket No. 22–227).	3060–AL50
295 .....	Implementation of the Low Power Protection Act, MB Docket No. 23–126 .....	3060–AL63
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304 .....	Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees .....	3060–AK64

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308 .....	Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhancing Submarine Cable Outage Data; GN Docket No. 15–206.	3060–AK39
309 .....	Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications: (PS Docket No. 15–80, 18–336, 23–5).	3060–AK40
310 .....	New Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; ET Docket No. 04–35	3060–AK41
311 .....	Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA): PS Docket No. 15–91, 15–94, 22–329 .....	3060–AK54
312 .....	911 Fee Diversion Rulemaking: PS Docket Nos. 20–291, 09–14 .....	3060–AL31
313 .....	Resilient Networks, Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; PS Docket No 21–346.	3060–AL43
314 .....	Location-Based Routing for Wireless 911 Calls (P.S. Docket 18–64) .....	3060–AL52
315 .....	Next Generation 9–1–1, PS Docket No. 21–479, FCC 23–47 .....	3060–AL67

SPACE BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
316 .....	Update to Parts 2 and 25 Concerning NonGeostationary, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems, and Related Matters: IB Docket No. 16–408.	3060–AK59
317 .....	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
318 .....	Facilitating the Communications of Earth Stations in Motion With Non-Geostationary Orbit Space Stations: IB Docket No. 18–315.	3060–AK89
319 .....	Space Innovation; Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age: IB Docket Nos. 18–313, 22–271 .....	3060–AK90
320 .....	Parts 2 and 25 to Enable GSO FSS in the 17.3–17.8 GHz Band, Modernize Rules for 17/24 GHz BSS Space Stations, and Establish Off-Axis Uplink Power Limits for Extended Ka-Band FSS (IB Doc. No. 20–330).	3060–AL28
321 .....	Revising Spectrum Sharing Rules for Non-Geostationary Orbit, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems: IB Docket No. 21–456.	3060–AL41
322 .....	Expediting Initial Processing of Satellite and Earth Station Applications; Space Innovation, IB Docket Nos. 22–411 and 22–271.	3060–AL51
323 .....	Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission’s Rules to Enable NGSO Fixed-Satellite Service (Space-to-Earth) Operations in the 17.3–17.8 GHz Band.	3060–AL79

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
324 .....	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
325 .....	Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Wireless Contraband Device Use in Correctional Facilities; GN Docket No. 13–111.	3060–AK06
326 .....	Promoting Investment in the 3550–3700 MHz Band; GN Docket No. 17–258 .....	3060–AK12
327 .....	Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules (WT Docket No. 14–170) .....	3060–AK28
328 .....	Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Services—Spectrum Frontiers: WT Docket 10–112 .....	3060–AK44
329 .....	Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band: GN Docket No. 18–122 .....	3060–AK76
330 .....	Amendment of the Commission’s Rules to Promote Aviation Safety: WT Docket No. 19–140 .....	3060–AK92
331 .....	Implementation of State and Local Governments’ Obligation to Approve Certain Wireless Facility Modification Requests Under Section 6409(a) of the Spectrum Act of 2012 (WT Docket No.19–250).	3060–AL29
332 .....	Expanding Flexible Use of the 12.2–12.7 GHz Band, et al., WT Docket No. 20–443, et al .....	3060–AL40
333 .....	Facilitating Shared Use in the 3100–3550 MHz Band .....	3060–AL57
334 .....	Shared Use of the 42–42.5 GHz Band (WT Docket No. 23–158, GN Docket No. 14–177) .....	3060–AL68
335 .....	Single Network Future: Supplemental Coverage from Space, GN Docket No. 23–65 .....	3060–AL69
336 .....	Modifying Emissions Limits for the 24.25–24.45 GHz and 24.75–25.25 GHz Bands (ET Docket No. 21–186).	3060–AL80
337 .....	Alaska Connect Fund Notice of Proposed Rulemaking .....	3060–AL81
338 .....	Indian Peak Properties LLC Petitions for Declaratory Ruling Seeking Preemption Under The Rule Governing Over-the-Air Reception Devices.	3060–AL82

WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

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339	Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information (CC Docket No. 96–115), Data Breach Reporting Requirements (WC Docket No. 22–21).	3060–AG43
340	Local Telephone Networks That LECs Must Make Available to Competitors	3060–AH44
341	Jurisdictional Separations	3060–AJ06
342	Rates for Inmate Calling Services; WC Docket No. 12–375; Incarcerated People's Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act, WC Docket No. 23–62.	3060–AK08
343	Comprehensive Review of the Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts (WC Docket No. 14–130)	3060–AK20
344	Restoring Internet Freedom, WC Docket No. 17–108; Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14–28; Safeguarding and Securing the Open Internet, WC Docket No. 23–320.	3060–AK21
345	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
346	Numbering Policies for Modern Communications, WC Docket No. 13–97	3060–AK36
347	Implementation of the Universal Service Portions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act	3060–AK57
348	Toll Free Assignment Modernization and Toll-Free Service Access Codes: WC Docket No. 17–192, CC Docket No. 95–155.	3060–AK91
349	Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; WC Docket Nos. 19–195 and 11–10	3060–AK93
350	Call Authentication Trust Anchor	3060–AL00
351	Implementation of the National Suicide Improvement Act of 2018, 988 Suicide Prevention Hotline (WC Docket 18–336, PS Docket No. 23.5, PS Docket No. 15–80).	3060–AL01
352	Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an Era of Next-Generation Networks and Services	3060–AL02
353	Establishing a 5G Fund for Rural America; GN Docket No. 20–32	3060–AL15
354	Protecting Consumers From SIM Swap and Port-Out Fraud, WC Docket No. 21–341	3060–AL34
355	Supporting Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence (WC Docket No. 22–238,11–42, 21–450)	3060–AL48

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**262. Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) of 1991 (CG Docket No. 02–278) [3060–AI14]**

*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

Action	Date	FR Cite	Action	Date	FR Cite
Declaratory Ruling R&O	02/01/08	73 FR 6041	Public Notice (Reconsideration Petitions Filed).	04/12/21	86 FR 18934
Order on Reconsideration.	07/14/08	73 FR 40183			
NPRM	10/30/08	73 FR 64556	Declaratory Ruling and Order.	12/14/22	87 FR 76425
R&O	03/22/10	75 FR 13471	Order on Reconsideration and Declaratory Ruling.	01/20/23	88 FR 3668
Public Notice	06/11/12	77 FR 34233			
Public Notice (Reconsideration Petitions Filed).	06/30/10	75 FR 34244	NPRM	06/29/23	88 FR 42034
Announcement of Effective Date.	10/03/12	77 FR 60343	NPRM	06/16/23	88 FR 20800
Opposition End Date.	10/16/12	77 FR 63240	Report and Order	12/18/23	88 FR 5098
Rule Corrections	10/18/12		FNPRM	12/18/23	88 FR 5177
Declaratory Ruling (release date).	11/08/12	77 FR 66935	Report and Order	03/05/24	89 FR 15756
Declaratory Ruling (release date).	11/29/12		Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	
Declaratory Ruling and Order.	05/09/13				
NPRM	10/09/15	80 FR 61129			
Declaratory Ruling R&O	05/20/16	81 FR 31889			
Public Notice	07/05/16				
Public Notice	11/16/16	81 FR 80594			
Public Notice	06/28/18	83 FR 26284			
Declaratory Ruling	10/03/18				
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				
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	10/09/20				
Declaratory Ruling	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			

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3060–AI14

**263. Rules and Regulations Implementing Section 225 of the Communications Act (Telecommunications Relay Service) (CG Docket No. 03–123) [3060–AI15]**

*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
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

Action	Date	FR Cite	Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice	08/05/08	73 FR 45354	NPRM Comment	01/21/14	
Public Notice	10/10/08	73 FR 60172	Period End.		
Order	10/23/08	73 FR 63078	Announcement of Effective Date.	07/11/14	79 FR 40003
2nd R&O and Order on Reconsideration.	12/30/08	73 FR 79683	Announcement of Effective Date.	08/28/14	79 FR 51446
Order	05/06/09	74 FR 20892	Correction—Announcement of Effective Date.	08/28/14	79 FR 51450
Public Notice	05/07/09	74 FR 21364	Technical Amendments.	09/09/14	79 FR 53303
NPRM	05/21/09	74 FR 23815	Public Notice	09/15/14	79 FR 54979
Public Notice	05/21/09	74 FR 23859	R&O and Order	10/21/14	79 FR 62875
Public Notice	06/12/09	74 FR 28046	FNPRM	10/21/14	79 FR 62935
Order	07/29/09	74 FR 37624	FNPRM Comment	12/22/14	
Public Notice	08/07/09	74 FR 39699	Period End.		
Order	09/18/09	74 FR 47894	Final Action (Announcement of Effective Date).	10/30/14	79 FR 64515
Order	10/26/09	74 FR 54913	Final Rule Effective.	10/30/14	
Public Notice	05/12/10	75 FR 26701	FNPRM	11/08/15	80 FR 72029
Order Denying Stay Motion (Release Date).			FNPRM Comment	01/01/16	
Order	08/13/10	75 FR 49491	Period End.		
Order	09/03/10	75 FR 54040	Public Notice	01/20/16	81 FR 3085
NPRM	11/02/10	75 FR 67333	Public Notice	02/16/16	
NPRM	05/02/11	76 FR 24442	Comment Period End.		
Order	07/25/11	76 FR 44326	R&O	03/21/16	81 FR 14984
Final Rule (Order)	09/27/11	76 FR 59551	FNPRM	08/24/16	81 FR 57851
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/22/11	76 FR 72124	FNPRM Comment	09/14/16	
Proposed Rule (Public Notice).			Period End.		
Proposed Rule (FNPRM).	02/28/12	77 FR 11997	NOI and FNPRM	04/12/17	82 FR 17613
First R&O	07/25/12	77 FR 43538	NOI and FNPRM Comment	05/30/17	
Public Notice	10/29/12	77 FR 65526	Period End.		
Order on Reconsideration.	12/26/12	77 FR 75894	R&O	04/13/17	82 FR 17754
Order	02/05/13	78 FR 8030	R&O	04/27/17	82 FR 19322
Order (Interim Rule).	02/05/13	78 FR 8032	FNPRM	04/27/17	82 FR 19347
NPRM	02/05/13	78 FR 8090	FNPRM Comment	07/11/17	
Announcement of Effective Date.	03/07/13	78 FR 14701	Period End.		
NPRM Comment	03/13/13		R&O	06/23/17	82 FR 28566
Period End.			Public Notice	07/21/17	82 FR 33856
FNPRM	07/05/13	78 FR 40407	Public Notice—Correction.	07/25/17	82 FR 34471
FNPRM Comment	09/18/13		Public Notice	07/31/17	
Period End.			Comment Period End.		
R&O	07/05/13	78 FR 40582	Public Notice—Correction	08/17/17	
R&O	08/15/13	78 FR 49693	Comment Period End.		
FNPRM	08/15/13	78 FR 49717	Public Notice—Correction		
FNPRM Comment	09/30/13		Comment Period End.		
Period End.			R&O	08/22/17	82 FR 39673
R&O	08/30/13	78 FR 53684	Announcement of Effective Date.	10/17/17	82 FR 48203
FNPRM	09/03/13	78 FR 54201	Public Notice; Petition for Reconsideration.	10/25/17	82 FR 49303
NPRM	10/23/13	78FR 63152	Oppositions Due Date.	11/20/17	
FNPRM Comment	11/18/13		R&O and Declaratory Ruling.	06/27/18	83 FR 30082
Period End.			FNPRM	07/18/18	83 FR 33899
Petition for Reconsideration; Request for Comment.	12/16/13	78 FR 76096	FNPRM Comment	11/15/18	
Petition for Reconsideration; Request for Comment.	12/16/13	78 FR 76097	Period End.		
Request for Clarification; Request for Comment; Correction.	12/30/13	78 FR 79362	Public Notice	08/23/18	83 FR 42630
Petition for Reconsideration	01/10/14		Public Notice Opposition Period End.	09/17/18	
Comment Period End.			Announcement of Effective Date.	02/04/19	84 FR 1409
			R&O	03/08/19	84 FR 8457
			FNPRM	03/14/19	84 FR 9276

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FNPRM Comment Period End.	04/29/19		Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	03/08/23	88 FR 14251	Declaratory Ruling	05/07/10	75 FR 25255
R&O .....	06/06/19	84 FR 26364	Report and Order	08/01/23	88 FR 50053	Declaratory Ruling Order .....	07/13/10	75 FR 39945
FNPRM .....	06/06/19	84 FR 26379	NPRM .....	08/07/23	88 FR 52088	Notice of Inquiry ..	07/13/10	75 FR 39859
Petition for Recon Request for Comment.	06/18/19	84 FR 28264	NPRM Comment Period End.	09/06/23		FNPRM .....	07/19/10	75 FR 41863
Petition for Recon Comment Period End.	07/15/19		NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	10/06/23		Interim Final Rule	08/23/10	75 FR 51735
FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/05/19		Report and Order	10/19/23	88 FR 71994	Public Notice .....	02/15/11	76 FR 8659
R&O .....	01/06/20	85 FR 462	Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	12/21/23	88 FR 88257	R&O .....	03/02/11	76 R 11462
R&O .....	01/09/20	85 FR 1125	Correction; Technical Amendments.	02/08/24	89 FR 8549	FNPRM .....	05/02/11	76 FR 24393
NPRM .....	01/09/20	85 FR 1134	NPRM .....	03/14/24	89 FR 18589	NPRM .....	05/02/11	76 FR 24437
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/13/20		NPRM Comment Period End.	04/15/24		NPRM .....	05/02/11	76 FR 24442
Announcement of Effective Date.	02/19/20	85 FR 9392	NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	04/29/24		R&O (Correction)	05/27/11	76 FR 30841
Final Rule; removal of compliance notices.	05/06/20	85 FR 26857	Report and Order	03/21/24	89 FR 20125	Order .....	07/25/11	76 FR 44326
Report & Order ...	05/08/20	85 FR 27309	Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined		2nd R&O .....	08/05/11	76 FR 47469
Final Rule; correction.	08/26/20	85 FR 52489				Order (Interim Final Rule).	08/05/11	76 FR 47476
R&O and Order on Recon.	10/14/20	85 FR 64971				Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	09/26/11	76 FR 59269
Final Rule; announcement of effective and compliance dates.	10/23/20	85 FR 67447				Final Rule; Petition for Reconsideration; Public Notice.	09/27/11	76 FR 59557
FNPRM .....	02/01/21	86 FR 7681				Oppositions Due Date.	10/07/11	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	04/02/21					Final Rule; Clarification (MO&O).	10/31/11	76 FR 67070
Public Notice; Petition for Reconsideration.	02/22/21	86 FR 10458				FNPRM .....	10/31/11	76 FR 67118
Oppositions Due Date.	03/19/21					Interim Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/03/11	76 FR 68116
R&O .....	02/23/21	86 FR 10844				Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/04/11	76 FR 68328
NPRM .....	03/19/21	86 FR 14859				Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/07/11	76 FR 68642
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/03/21					FNPRM Comment Period End.	12/30/11	
NPRM .....	06/04/21	86 FR 29969				FNPRM .....	02/01/12	77 FR 4948
NPRM Correction	06/15/21	86 FR 31668				FNPRM Comment Period End.	03/19/12	
Order on Recon ..	07/07/21	86 FR 35632				Final Rule; Correction.	03/27/12	77 FR 18106
Public Notice .....	07/15/21	86 FR 37328				Correcting Amendments.	06/07/12	77 FR 33662
NPRM Correction Comment Period End.	07/30/21					Order (Release Date).	07/25/12	
Public Notice Comment Period End.	08/09/21					Correcting Amendments.	10/04/12	77 FR 60630
Order on Recon; Correction.	10/05/21	86 FR 54871				Public Notice .....	10/29/12	77 FR 65526
NPRM .....	10/05/21	86 FR 64440				Comment Period End.	11/29/12	
NPRM Comment Period End.	01/18/22					FNPRM .....	07/05/13	78 FR 40407
Report & Order ...	07/18/22	87 FR 42656				R&O .....	07/05/13	78 FR 40582
Report & Order ...	09/21/22	87 FR 57645				FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/18/13	
Report & Order ...	11/25/22	87 FR 72409				Public Notice .....	09/11/13	78 FR 55696
NPRM .....	12/08/22	87 FR 75199				Public Notice .....	09/15/14	79 FR 54979
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/06/23					Comment Period End.	10/10/14	
Public Notice .....	01/31/23	88 FR 6220				Final Action (Announcement of Effective Date).	10/30/14	79 FR 64515
Public Notice Opposition Period End.	02/27/23					Final Rule Effective.	10/30/14	
NPRM .....	02/02/23	88 FR 7049				FNPRM .....	11/18/15	80 FR 72029
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/03/23					FNPRM Comment Period End.	02/01/16	
Order on Reconsideration.	02/22/23					R&O .....	03/21/16	81 FR 14984
						FNPRM .....	08/24/16	81 FR 57851
						FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/14/16	
						NOI and FNPRM	04/12/17	82 FR 17613

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AI15

**264. Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service (VRS) Program (CG Docket No. 10-51) [3060-AJ42]**

*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
NOI and FNPRM Comment Period End.	05/30/17	
R&O .....	04/13/17	82 FR 17754
R&O .....	04/27/17	82 FR 19322
FNPRM .....	04/27/17	82 FR 19347
FNPRM Comment Period End.	07/01/17	
Order .....	06/23/17	82 FR 28566
Public Notice .....	07/21/17	82 FR 33856
Public Notice Comment Period End.	07/31/17	
Public Notice Correction.	07/25/17	82 FR 34471
Public Notice Correction Comment Period End.	08/17/17	
R&O and Order ...	08/22/17	82 FR 39673
Announcement of Effective Date.	10/17/17	82 FR 48203
Public Notice; Petition for Reconsideration.	10/25/17	82 FR 49303
Oppositions Due Date.	11/20/17	
R&O .....	06/06/19	84 FR 26364
FNPRM .....	06/06/19	84 FR 26379
FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/05/19	
Report & Order ...	05/08/20	85 FR 27309
R&O and Order on Recon.	10/14/20	85 FR 64971
Final rule; announcement of effective and compliance dates.	10/23/20	85 FR 67447
FNPRM .....	02/01/21	86 FR 7681
FNPRM Comment Period End.	04/02/21	
Public Notice; Petition for Reconsideration.	02/22/21	86 FR 10458
Oppositions Due Date.	03/19/21	
NPRM .....	03/19/21	86 FR 14859
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/03/21	
NPRM .....	06/04/21	86 FR 29969
NPRM Correction	06/15/21	86 FR 31668
NPRM Correction Comment Period End.	07/30/21	
Order on Recon ..	07/07/21	86 FR 35632
Order on Recon; Correction.	10/05/21	86 FR 54871
Report & Order ...	09/21/22	87 FR 57645
Report & Order ...	11/25/22	87 FR 72409
NPRM .....	12/08/22	87 FR 75199
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/06/23	
Public Notice .....	01/31/23	88 FR 6220
Public Notice Opposition Period End.	02/27/23	
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	03/08/23	88 FR 14251
Public Notice .....	04/25/23	88 FR 24986
Public Notice Comment Period End.	05/09/23	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice Reply Comment Period End.	05/19/23	
Report and Order	10/19/23	88 FR 71994
Final Rule Effective.	12/21/23	88 FR 88257
Correction; Technical Amendments.	02/08/24	89 FR 8549
NPRM .....	03/14/24	89 FR 18589
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/15/24	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	04/29/24	
Report and Order	03/21/24	89 FR 20125
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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*RIN:* 3060-AJ42

**265. Implementation of the Middle-Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012/Establishment of a Public Safety Answering Point Do-Not-Call Registry (CG Docket No. 12-129) [3060-AJ84]**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 112-96, sec. 6507  
*Abstract:* The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 required the Commission to create a Do-Not-Call Registry for public safety answering point (PSAP) telephone numbers and to prohibit the use of automated dialing equipment to place calls to PSAP numbers on the Registry. In this docket, the Commission adopted rules and policies implementing these statutory requirements.  
*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/21/12	77 FR 37362
R&O .....	10/29/12	77 FR 71131
Correction Amendments.	02/13/13	78 FR 10099
Announcement of Effective Date.	03/26/13	78 FR 18246
FNPRM .....	11/01/21	86 FR 60189
FNPRM Comment Period End.	12/01/21	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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*RIN:* 3060-AJ84

**266. Implementation of Sections 716 and 717 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Enacted by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CG Docket No. 10-213) [3060-AK00]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 255; 47 U.S.C. 617 to 619

*Abstract:* These proceedings implement sections 716, 717, and 718 of the Communications Act, which were added by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA), related to the accessibility of advanced communications services and equipment (section 716), recordkeeping and enforcement requirements for entities subject to sections 255, 716, and 718 (section 717), and accessibility of internet browsers built into mobile phones (section 718).

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	03/14/11	76 FR 13800
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	04/12/11	76 FR 20297
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/13/11	
FNPRM .....	12/30/11	76 FR 82240
R&O .....	12/30/11	76 FR 82354
FNPRM Comment Period End.	03/14/12	
Announcement of Effective Date.	04/25/12	77 FR 24632
2nd R&O .....	05/22/13	78 FR 30226
R&O on Remand, Declaratory Ruling, and Order.	04/13/15	80 FR 19738
Public Notice .....	05/19/22	87 FR 30442
Public Notice Comment Period End.	07/18/22	
Report and Order	08/01/23	88 FR 50053
NPRM .....	08/07/23	88 FR 52088
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/06/23	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	10/06/23	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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**267. Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services; CG Docket No. 13-24 [3060-AK01]**

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

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.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/05/13	78 FR 8090
Order (Interim Rule).	02/05/13	78 FR 8032
Order .....	02/05/13	78 FR 8030
Announcement of Effective Date.	03/07/13	78 FR 14701
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/12/13	
R&O .....	08/30/13	78 FR 53684
FNPRM .....	09/03/13	78 FR 54201
FNPRM Comment Period End.	11/18/13	
Petition for Reconsideration Request for Comment.	12/16/13	78 FR 76097
Petition for Reconsideration Comment Period End.	01/10/14	
Announcement of Effective Date.	07/11/14	79 FR 40003
Announcement of Effective Date.	08/28/14	79 FR 51446
Correction—Announcement of Effective Date.	08/28/14	79 FR 51450

Action	Date	FR Cite
Technical Amendments.	09/09/14	79 FR 53303
R&O and Declaratory Ruling.	06/27/18	83 FR 30082
FNPRM .....	07/18/18	83 FR 33899
Public Notice .....	08/23/18	83 FR 42630
Public Notice Opposition Period End.	09/17/18	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	11/15/18	
Announcement of Effective Date.	02/04/19	84 FR 1409
R&O .....	03/08/19	84 FR 8457
FNPRM .....	03/14/19	84 FR 9276
FNPRM Comment Period End.	04/29/19	
Petition for Recon Request for Comment.	06/18/19	84 FR 28264
Petition for Recon Comment Period End.	07/15/19	
R&O .....	01/06/20	85 FR 462
Announcement of Effective Date.	02/19/20	85 FR 9392
Final Rule; Removal of Compliance Notes.	05/06/20	85 FR 26857
Final Rule; correction.	08/26/20	85 FR 52489
R&O and Order on Recon.	10/14/20	85 FR 64971
FNPRM .....	02/01/21	86 FR 7681
Public Notice; Petition for Reconsideration.	02/22/21	86 FR 10458
NPRM .....	03/19/21	86 FR 14859
Oppositions Due Date.	03/19/21	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	04/02/21	
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/03/21	
Public Notice .....	07/15/21	86 FR 37328
Public Notice Comment Period End.	08/09/21	
Report & Order ...	09/21/22	87 FR 57645
NPRM .....	12/08/22	87 FR 75199
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/06/23	
Public Notice .....	01/31/23	88 FR 6220
Public Notice Opposition Period End.	02/27/23	
NPRM .....	02/02/23	88 FR 7049
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/03/23	
Order on Reconsideration.	02/22/23	88 FR 10853
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	03/08/23	88 FR 14251
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	12/21/23	88 FR 88257
Correction; Technical Amendments.	02/08/24	89 FR 8549
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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**268. Advanced Methods To Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls (CG Docket No. 17-59) [3060-AK62]**

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	



Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice Establishing Guidelines for RND.	04/16/20	
Report .....	06/25/20	
3rd NPRM Comment Date.	06/26/20	
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	
Public Notice .....	02/08/21	86 FR 8558
Public Notice .....	04/13/21	
Public Notice .....	06/15/21	
Public Notice .....	10/01/21	86 FR 61077
5th FNPRM .....	10/26/21	86 FR 59084
Public Notice .....	12/29/21	
Order on Reconsideration, 6th FNPRM, Waiver Order.	12/30/21	86 FR 74399
Public Notice .....	02/08/22	87 FR 7044
Seventh Further Notice of Proposed Rule-making.	05/19/22	87 FR 42670
Sixth Report and Order.	05/19/22	87 FR 42916
Public Notice .....	08/24/22	87 FR 51920
Public Notice .....	11/18/22	87 FR 69206
Seventh Report and Order (Proposed Rule).	05/19/23	88 FR 43489
Eighth Further Notice, and Third Notice of Inquiry (Final Rule).	05/19/23	88 FR 43446
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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*RIN:* 3060-AK62

**269. Empowering Broadband Consumers Through Transparency (CG Docket No. 22-2) [3060-AL33]**  
*Legal Authority:* Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, 60504(a) (2021)  
*Abstract:* In this docket, the Commission adopted rules requiring broadband internet access service providers (ISPs) to display, at the point of sale, labels to disclose to consumers certain information about prices, introductory rates or promotions, data allowances, broadband speeds, and

management practices, among other things.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/07/22	87 FR 6827
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/09/22	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	03/24/22	
Report & Order and FNPRM.	12/16/22	87 FR 77048
FNPRM Comment Period Extended.	01/04/23	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	03/16/23	
Petition for Reconsideration.	01/31/23	88 FR 6219
Petition for Reconsideration Comment Period End.	02/27/23	
Order .....	08/07/23	88 FR 52043
Order of Reconsideration.	09/18/23	88 FR 63853
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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*RIN:* 3060-AL33

**270. Targeting and Eliminating Unlawful Text Messages, CG Docket 21-403, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [3060-AL49]**  
*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 227(e), 251(e), 303  
*Abstract:* In this docket, the Commission considers rules and policies concerning the ability for mobile wireless service providers to block illegal text messages.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	09/27/22	87 FR 61271
Report & Order ...	03/17/23	88 FR 21497
FNPRM .....	03/17/23	88 FR 20800
NPRM .....	01/26/24	89 FR 5177
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	01/26/24	89 FR 5098

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	03/01/24	89 FR 15061
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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*RIN:* 3060-AL49

**271. Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Relay Service; CG Docket No. 12-38 [3060-AL58]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 152 and 154; 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 616  
*Abstract:* Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act requires the Federal Communications Commission to ensure the availability of telecommunications relay services. IP Relay is a form of TRS that permits an individual with a hearing or a speech disability to communicate in text using an Internet Protocol-enabled device via the internet. In CG Docket No. 12-38, the Commission considers rules and policy for the provision of IP Relay, including the process for registering users for IP CTS and the methodology for determining TRS Fund support. The Commission takes these steps to ensure the provision of IP Relay in a functionally equivalent manner to persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf blind or have speech disabilities. In doing so, the Commission balances several different factors including regulating the recovery of costs caused by the service, encouraging the use of existing technology and not discouraging or impairing the development of improved technology, and ensuring IP Relay is available, to the extent possible and in the most efficient manner.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice .....	02/08/12	77 FR 11997
Public Notice Comment Period End.	03/20/12	
Final Rule .....	07/25/12	77 FR 43538
Final Rule Effective.	07/25/12	
NPRM .....	03/19/21	86 FR 14859
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/03/21	
Final Rule .....	11/25/22	87 FR 72409

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule Effective.	12/27/22	
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*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

Required: Yes.

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**272. Compensation for Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service, (CG Docket No. 22-408) [3060-AL59]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 225

*Abstract:* Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act requires the Federal Communications Commission to ensure the availability of telecommunications relay. Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Services (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. In CG Docket No. 22-408, the Commission considers rules and policy for the adoption of a compensation methodology and compensation levels for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Fund support of providers of IP CTS. The Commission takes these steps to ensure the provision of IP CTS in a functionally equivalent manner to persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf, blind or have speech disabilities. In doing so, the Commission balances several different factors including regulating the recovery of costs caused by the service, encouraging the use of existing technology and not discouraging or impairing the development of improved technology, and ensuring IP CTS is available, to the extent possible and in the most efficient manner.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/02/23	88 FR 7049
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*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

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**273. Access to Video Conferencing, (CG Docket No. 23-161) [3060-AL66]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 225 ; 47 U.S.C. 617

*Abstract:* Section 716 of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA) (47 U.S.C. 617) requires the Federal Communications Commission to ensure the accessibility and usability of advanced communications services (ACS), including interoperable video conferencing services (IVCS), for individual with disabilities, unless such requirements are not achievable. IVCS is defined by the CVAA as a service that provides real-time video communications, including audio, to enable users to share information of the user's choosing." In CG Docket No. 23-161, the Commission considers rules and policies for the adoption of usability and accessibility requirements for IVCS and the integration of IVCS with telecommunications relay services (TRS). The Commission takes these steps to ensure that IVCS are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities and that users of TRS are able to participate in video conferencing services in a functionally equivalent manner to persons without hearing and speech disabilities. In doing so, the Commission balances several different factors including regulating IVCS, encouraging the use of advanced technology, not discouraging or impairing the development of improved technology, and ensuring IVCS are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Report and Order	08/01/23	88 FR 50053
NPRM .....	08/07/23	88 FR 52088
NPRM Comment	09/06/23	
Period End.		
NPRM Reply	10/06/23	
Comment Pe-		
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Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

Required: Yes.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

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Long-Term Actions

**274. Development of Nationwide Broadband Data To Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans [3060-AJ15]**

*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 09/09/2022 Order ended the collection of broadband deployment data through Form 477. Broadband and voice subscribership data will continue to be submitted through Form 477. Beginning with data as of December 31, 2022, and beyond, Form 477 subscribership data is submitted in the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) filing system. The Form 477 filing system remains open for filers to submit and make corrections to filings through June 30, 2022.

*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	09/25/17	
Period End.		
NPRM Reply	10/10/17	
Comment Pe-		
riod End.		
R&O and FNPRM	08/22/19	84 FR 43764
Order .....	12/16/22	87 FR 76949
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

Required: Yes.

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**275. Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions (GN Docket No. 12-268) [3060-AJ82]**

*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.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060–AJ82

**276. Broadband Data Collection [3060–AL42]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 to 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

*Abstract:* The Commission has long recognized that precise, granular data on the availability of fixed and mobile broadband are vital to bringing digital opportunity to all Americans, no matter where they live, work, or travel.

On March 23, 2020, the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act (Broadband DATA Act) was signed into law requiring the Commission to create a new set of broadband availability maps. Among other things, the Broadband DATA Act requires the Commission to collect standardized, granular data on the availability and quality of both fixed and mobile broadband internet access services, to create a common dataset of all locations where fixed broadband internet access service can be installed (the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric or Fabric), and to create publicly available coverage maps. The Act further requires the Commission to establish processes for members of the public and other entities to (1) provide verified data for use in the coverage maps; (2) challenge the coverage maps, the broadband availability data submitted by broadband internet access service providers (providers), and the Fabric; and (3) submit specific crowdsourced information about the development and availability of broadband service.

In July 2020, implementing the Broadband DATA Act and building off of an August 2019 Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that adopted rules for the collection and verification of improved, more precise data on both fixed broadband availability. In January 2021, the Commission released a Third Report and Order that established new requirements for the BDC and took additional steps to implement the Broadband DATA Act. The rules to specify which fixed and mobile providers are required to report broadband availability data and expanded the reporting and certification requirements for filing data in the BDC. It also adopted standards for collecting verified broadband data from state, local, and Tribal governmental entities and certain third parties, and for identifying locations that would be included in the Fabric. Importantly, in the Third Report and Order, the Commission also established processes for verifying the accuracy of provider-submitted data and the Fabric, including challenge processes which invite input from the public and other stakeholders in order to improve the accuracy of the maps.

Implementing the Broadband DATA Act and these new rules, the Commission created a new data platform and system to collect and map availability data collected from over 2,500 providers and for consumers and other stakeholders to submit challenges to that data; established the Fabric dataset of locations upon which to overlay provider availability data; and established a dedicated help center to provide technical assistance to providers, consumers, and other stakeholders.

In July 2021, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA), and Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) released a Public Notice seeking comment on the technical requirements for the mobile challenge, verification, and crowdsourcing processes required under the Broadband DATA Act for the new Broadband Data Collection (BDC). In March 2022, the Broadband Data Task Force (Task Force), WTB, OEA, and OET released a detailed order, technical appendix, rules, and technical data specifications setting forth technical requirements and specifications for the mobile challenge, verification, and crowdsourcing processes required by the Act.

To help facilitate the mobile challenge process, in April 2022, the Task Force and OET issued a Public Notice announcing the technical requirements and procedures for approving third-party mobile speed test procedures for use in collecting and submitting mobile network performance data as part of the BDC. To assist entities that choose to file mobile challenges in bulk, in September 2022 the Task Force and WTB established a process for entities to use their own software and hardware to collect on-the-ground mobile speed test data for use in the BDC mobile challenge process.

Also in April 2022, the Task Force, WCB, WTB, OEA, and OET released a Public Notice providing details on the procedures for state, local, and Tribal governmental entities to submit verified availability data through the BDC system.

To clarify the Commission's rules for filing data in the BDC, in July 2022, WCB, WTB, OEA, and the Taskforce issued a Declaratory Ruling on certain aspects of a rule regarding the engineering certification in BDC filings and issued a limited waiver of the requirement that providers have an engineer certification their biannual BDC filings for the first three filing cycles of the BDC.

On June 15, 2022, the FCC Enforcement Bureau issued an Enforcement Advisory reminding all facilities-based providers of their duty to timely file complete and accurate data in the BDC by September 1, 2022.

In February 2022, the Commission announced that the initial filing window of the BDC would open on June 30, 2022, and that availability data as of June 30 were due no later than September 1, 2022. In September 2022, the Commission announced that as of September 12, 2022, state, local, and Tribal governments, service providers, and other entities may begin to file bulk challenges to location data in the Fabric.

In November 2022, the Commission released a pre-production draft of its new National Broadband Map displaying version 1 of the Fabric overlaid with provider reported availability data as of June 30, 2022. The new map was the most comprehensive, granular, and standardized data the Commission had ever published on broadband availability.

With the launch of the pre-production draft map, the Commission began accepting challenges to provider reported availability data, as well as individual consumer challenges to the location data in the Fabric. To date, the mapping team has reviewed and processed more than 4 million availability challenges. Most of those challenges have already been resolved and the majority have led to updates in the data on the map showing where broadband is available.

The Commission adopted an Order in December 2022, to sunset the Form 477 broadband deployment data collection and eliminate a largely duplicative requirement on providers. As a result, providers will no longer be required to submit Form 477 broadband deployment data, but must still submit broadband and voice subscription data using the FCC Form 477. To further streamline the FCC's data collection efforts the BDC system allows filers to submit both their BDC data and 477 subscription data as a combined filing using a single interface.

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The second version of the Fabric was made available to providers and other stakeholders in December 2022. This updated Fabric contained a net increase of more than one million new serviceable locations, as compared to the initial version. It also reflected the outcome of over 1 million location challenges. The second filing window of the BDC opened on January 3, 2023, and required all fixed and mobile providers to submit broadband availability data as of December 31, 2022, no later than March 1, 2023. On May 30, 2023, the National Broadband Map was updated to reflect availability data as of December 31, 2022, and version 2 of the Fabric.

On July 3, 2023, the Commission announced the opening of the third filing window for broadband availability data as of June 30, 2023. The BDC will continue to collect updated availability data from providers every 6 months. Updates to the National Broadband Map will be iterative and ongoing. The challenge processes will also continue

on an ongoing basis in order to allow the public to provide input and help improve the accuracy of the National Broadband Map.

*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 R&O .....	01/13/21	86 FR 18124
Public Notice .....	07/16/21	86 FR 40398
Public Notice Comment Period End.	09/27/21	
Order .....	03/09/22	87 FR 21476
Order .....	12/16/22	87 FR 76949
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*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

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Long-Term Actions

**277. Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands [ET Docket No. 04-186] [3060-A152]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 302; 47 U.S.C. 303(e) and 303(f); 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 307

*Abstract:* The Commission adopted rules to allow unlicensed radio transmitters to operate in the broadcast

television spectrum at locations where that spectrum is not being used by licensed services. (This unused TV spectrum is often termed “white spaces.”) This action will make a significant amount of spectrum available for new and innovative products and services, including broadband data and other services for businesses and consumers. The actions taken are a conservative first step that includes many safeguards to prevent harmful interference to incumbent communications services. Moreover, the Commission will closely oversee the development and introduction of these devices to the market and will take whatever actions may be necessary to avoid and, if necessary, correct any interference that may occur. The Second Memorandum Opinion and Order finalizes rules to make the unused spectrum in the TV bands available for unlicensed broadband wireless devices. This particular spectrum has excellent propagation characteristics that allow signals to reach farther and penetrate walls and other structures. Access to this spectrum could enable more powerful public internet connections—super Wi-Fi hot spots—with extended range, fewer dead spots, and improved individual speeds as a result of reduced congestion on existing networks. This type of “opportunistic use” of spectrum has great potential for enabling access to other spectrum bands and improving spectrum efficiency. The Commission’s actions here are expected to spur investment and innovation in applications and devices that will be used not only in the TV band, but eventually in other frequency bands as well. This Order addressed five petitions for reconsideration of the Commission’s decisions in the Second Memorandum Opinion and Order (“Second MO&O”) in these proceeding and modified rules in certain respects. In particular, the Commission: (1) increased the maximum height above average terrain (HAAT) for sites where fixed devices may operate; (2) modified the adjacent channel emission limits to specify fixed rather than relative levels; and (3) slightly increased the maximum permissible power spectral density (PSD) for each category of TV bands device. These changes will result in decreased operating costs for fixed TVBDs and allow them to provide greater coverage, thus increasing the availability of wireless broadband services in rural and underserved areas without increasing the risk of interference to incumbent services. The Commission also revised and amended several of its rules to better effectuate

the Commission’s earlier decisions in this docket and to remove ambiguities.  
*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/18/04	69 FR 34103
First R&O .....	11/17/06	71 FR 66876
FNPRM .....	11/17/06	71 FR 66897
R&O and MO&O	02/17/09	74 FR 7314
Petitions for Re-consideration.	04/13/09	74 FR 16870
Second MO&O ....	12/06/10	75 FR 75814
Petitions for Re-consideration.	02/09/11	76 FR 7208
2 Order on Re-consideration, FNPRM, and Order.	05/17/12	77 FR 29236
FNPRM—Proposed Rule.	06/01/22	87 FR 33109
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**278. Use of the 5.850–5.925 GHz Band; (ET Docket No. 19–138), FCC 19–129 [3060–AK96]**

*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, we repurpose 45 megahertz of the 5.850–5.925 GHz band (the 5.9 GHz band) to allow for the expansion of unlicensed mid-band spectrum operations, while continuing to dedicate 30 megahertz of spectrum for vital intelligent transportation system (ITS) operations. In addition, to promote the most efficient and effective use of this ITS spectrum, we are requiring the ITS service to use cellular vehicle-to-everything (C–V2X) based technology at the end of a transition period. By splitting the 5.9 GHz band between unlicensed and ITS uses, today’s decision puts the 5.9 GHz band in the best position to serve the needs of the American public.

In the Further Notice, the Commission addresses issues remaining to finalize the restructuring of the 5.9 GHz band. Specifically, the Commission addresses: The transition of ITS operations in the 5.895– 5.925 GHz band from Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC) based technology to Cellular Vehicle-to-Everything (C–V2X) based technology; the codification of C–V2X technical

parameters in the Commission’s rules; other transition considerations; and the transmitter power and emissions limits, and other issues, related to full-power outdoor unlicensed operations across the entire 5.850–5.895 GHz portion of the 5.9 GHz band. The Commission modified the Further Notice released on November 20, 2020, with an Erratum released on December 11, 2020. The Commission released a Second Erratum on February 9, 2021. The corrections from these errata are included in this document.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/06/20	85 FR 6841
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/09/20	
FNPRM .....	05/03/21	86 FR 23323
R&O & Order of Proposed Modification.	05/03/21	86 FR 23281
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**279. Unlicensed White Space Device Operations in the Television Bands, ET Docket No. 20–36 [3060–AL22]**

*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

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/03/20	
Report & Order ...	01/12/21	86 FR 2278
R&O—Final Rule	01/12/21	86 FR 2278
FNPRM—Proposed Rule.	02/25/21	86 FR 11490
2nd Order on Recon, FNPRM, and Order.	06/01/22	87 FR 33109
Order of Reconsideration, R&O, MO&O—Final Rule.	05/22/23	88 FR 32682
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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**280. Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through the Equipment Authorization and Competitive Bidding Programs; ET Docket No. 21–232, EA Docket No. 21–233 [3060–AL23]**

*Legal Authority:* secs. 4(i), 301, 302, 303, 309(j), 312, and 316 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. secs. 154(i), 301, 302a, 303, 309(j), 312, 316, and sec. 1.411  
*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission proposes prohibiting the authorization of any communications equipment on the list of equipment and services (Covered List) that the Commission maintains pursuant to the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019. Such equipment has been found to pose an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of United States persons. We also seek comment on whether and under what circumstances we should revoke any existing authorizations of such covered communications equipment. We invite comment on whether we should require additional certifications relating to national security from applicants who wish to participate in Commission auctions. In the Notice of Inquiry, we seek comment on other actions the Commission should consider taking to create incentives in its equipment authorization processes for improved trust through the adoption of cybersecurity best practices in consumer devices.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM and NOI ...	08/19/21	86 FR 46644
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/20/21	
Report & Order and FNPRM.	11/25/22	
FNPRM—Proposed Rule.	03/08/23	88 FR 14312
Report & Order—Final Rule.	02/06/23	88 FR 7592
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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**281. Wireless Microphones in the TV Bands (ET Docket No. 21–115), 600 MHz Guard Band, 600 MHz Duplex Gap, and the 941.5–944 MHz, 944–952 MHz, 952.850–956.250 MHz, 956.45–959.85 MHz, 1435–1525 MHz [3060–AL27]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. secs. 154(i), 201, 302a, 303, and secs. 1.407 and 1.411  
*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks to enhance the spectral efficiency of wireless microphones by permitting a recently developed type of wireless microphone system, termed herein as a Wireless Multi-Channel Audio System (WMAS), to operate in certain frequency bands. This emerging technology would enable more wireless microphones to operate in the spectrum available for wireless microphone operations, and thus advances an important Commission goal of promoting efficient spectrum use. The Commission proposes to revise the applicable technical rules for operation of low-power auxiliary station (LPAS) devices to permit WMAS to operate in the broadcast television (TV) bands and other LPAS frequency bands on a licensed basis. The Commission also proposes to update the existing LPAS and wireless microphone rules to reflect the end of the post-Incentive auction transition period and update references to international wireless microphone standards.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/01/21	86 FR 35046

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/02/21	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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**282. FCC Seeks To Enable State-of-the-Art Radar Sensors in 60 GHz Band (ET Docket No. 21–264) [3060–AL36]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 201, 302a, 303, and secs. 1.407 and 1.411  
*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission proposes to revise the Commission’s rules to provide expanded operational flexibility to unlicensed field disturbance sensor (FDS) devices (e.g., radars) that operate in the 57–64 GHz band (60 GHz band). The Commission’s proposal recognizes the increasing practicality of using mobile radar devices in the 60 GHz band to perform innovative and life-saving functions, including gesture control, detection of unattended children in vehicles, and monitoring of vulnerable medical patients, and it is designed to stimulate the development of new products and services in a wide variety of areas to include, for example, personal safety, autonomous vehicles, home automation, environmental control, and healthcare monitoring, while also ensuring coexistence among unlicensed FDS devices and current and future unlicensed communications devices in the 60 GHz band.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	08/19/21	86 FR 46661
NPRM Comment Period End.	10/18/21	
Report and Order—Final Rule.	07/24/23	88 FR 47384
2nd Report and Order—Final Rule.	08/23/23	88 FR 47384
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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RIN: 3060-AL36

**283. FCC Proposes To Update Equipment Authorization Rules To Incorporate New and Revised Industry Standards, (ET Docket No. 21-363) [3060-AL39]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 301, 302a, 303, and secs. 1.407 and 1.411

*Abstract:* We propose targeted updates to our rules to incorporate four new and updated standards that are integral to the testing of equipment and accreditation of laboratories that test RF devices.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	03/17/22	87 FR 15180
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/16/22	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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**284. Allocation of Spectrum for Non-Federal Space Launch Operations (ET Docket No. 13-115) [3060-AL44]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154(i), 155(c), 301, 303(c), 303(f), and 303(r)

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) takes steps towards establishing a spectrum allocation and licensing framework that will provide regulatory certainty and improved efficiency and that will promote innovation and investment in the United States commercial space launch industry. In the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission seeks comment on the definition of space launch operations, the potential allocation of spectrum for the commercial space launch industry, including the 420-430 MHz, 2025-2110 MHz, and 5650-5925 MHz bands. In addition, the Commission seeks comment on establishing service rules, including licensing and technical rules and coordination procedures, for the use of spectrum for commercial space

launch operations. Finally, the Commission seeks to refresh the record on potential ways to facilitate Federal use of commercial satellite services in what are currently non-Federal satellite bands and enable more robust federal use of the 399.9-400.05 MHz band.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM and NOI ...	07/01/13	78 FR 39200
FNPRM—Proposed Rule.	06/10/21	86 FR 30860
Report & Order—Final Rule.	06/28/21	86 FR 33902
Order on Recon., R&O, MO&O, and Final Rule.	06/21/23	88 FR 32682
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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**285. • FCC Implements and Proposes Final Acts of the WRC-19 and WRC-15, ET Docket No. 21-120 & 21-121, and RM-11785 [3060-AL77]**

*Legal Authority:* Part 2—47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 302a and 303; 47 U.S.C. 336

*Abstract:* In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) makes non-substantive, editorial revisions to the Commission's Table of Frequency Allocations (Allocation Table), primarily to reflect decisions from the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (*WRC19 Final Acts*). The purpose of this administrative action is to revise the Allocation Table by updating the International Table of Frequency Allocations (International Table) portion of the Allocation Table to reflect the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU's) Table of Frequency Allocations in its Radio Regulations (Edition of 2020) (Radio Regulations), and by making updates and corrections in the United States Table of Frequency Allocations (U.S. Table) portion of the Allocation Table. The Commission also proposes implementation of certain allocation decisions from the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (*WRC15 Final Acts*) concerning portions of the radio spectrum between 5330.5 kHz and 29.5 GHz, other spectrum allocation changes,

and related updates to the Commission's service rules.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	09/29/23	88 FR 67160
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/28/23	88 FR 73810
Final Action .....	09/28/23	88 FR 67514
Final Action Effective.	10/30/23	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

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Long-Term Actions

**286. Revision of EEO Rules and Policies (MB Docket No. 98-204) [3060-AH95]**

*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 (MVPDs) 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. In 2004, the Third Report and Order adopted revised forms for broadcast station and MVPD Annual Employment Reports. The Fourth Report and Order reinstated the collection of workforce composition data for television and radio broadcasters. The Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking sought to refresh the record on the collection of workforce composition data for MVPDs.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/14/02	67 FR 1704



Action	Date	FR Cite
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
FNPRM .....	08/31/21	86 FR 48610
FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/30/21	
Fourth Report and Order, Order of Recon., and 2nd FNPRM.	02/22/24	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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**287. Establishment of Rules for Digital Low-Power Television, Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations (MB Docket No. 03-185) [3060-A138]**

*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 revised rules reflect an effort to simplify, streamline, and modernize existing rules and procedures that will enable stations to comply with licensing requirements more easily through familiar and low-cost measures.

*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	
NPRM .....	12/23/19	84 FR 70489

Action	Date	FR Cite
5th NPRM ..... Report and Order	06/17/22 05/12/23	87 FR 36440 88 FR 30654
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**288. Authorizing Permissive Use of the "Next Generation" Broadcast Television Standard (GN Docket No. 16-142) [3060-AK56]**

*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.

*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 ...	04/22/21	86 FR 21217
FNPRM .....	12/13/21	86 FR 70793
FNPRM Comment Period End.	02/11/22	
3rd FNPRM .....	07/07/22	87 FR 40464
3rd R&O .....	07/17/23	88 FR 45347
4th FNPRM .....	07/17/23	88 FR 45378
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK56

**289. 2018 Quadrennial Regulatory Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules (MB Docket 18-349) [3060-AK77]**

*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. Based on a careful review of the record, the Commission found that the existing rules, with some minor modifications, remain necessary in the public interest.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM ..... Report and Order	02/28/19 02/15/24	84 FR 6741 89 FR 12196
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**290. Equal Employment Opportunity Enforcement (MB Docket 19-177) [3060-AK86]**

*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.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**291. Duplication of Programming on Commonly Owned Radio Stations (MB Docket No. 19-310) [3060-AL19]**

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

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission eliminated 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 contours overlap and are commonly owned or subject to a time brokerage agreement. Petitions for reconsideration are pending.

*Timetable:*

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

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**292. Sponsorship Identification Requirements for Foreign Government-Provided Programming (MB Docket No. 20-299) [3060-AL20]**

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

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission modifies its rules 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
R&O .....	06/17/21	86 FR 32221
Second NPRM ....	11/17/22	87 FR 68960
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**293. FM Broadcast Booster Stations (MB Docket No. 20-401) [3060-AL21]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154 and 157; 47 U.S.C. 301 to 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 to 309; 47 U.S.C. 316 and 319; 47 U.S.C. 324

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks comment on a proposal 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.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**294. Amendment of Part 73 Rules To Update Television and Class A Television Broadcast Station Rules, and Rules Applicable to All Broadcast Stations (MB Docket No. 22-227) [3060-AL50]**

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

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks to adopt revisions to rules in part 0, part 27, subparts E, H, I, J, and L of part 73, and certain parts

of parts 74 and 90 in light of the fact that all television services have ceased analog operations. The Commission proposes to amend section headings and language in rules to remove references to DTV, digital, and analog television service, as these distinctions are no longer necessary. The Commission also propose to delete outdated rules that are no longer valid given changes in Commission-adopted policy. The Commission also proposes other non-substantive, technical revisions. The Commission also proposes to update rules to reference the current designation for form numbers (e.g., FCC Form 2100) and by requiring electronic filing in the Commission's Licensing and Management System. The Commission also propose to make corrections or updates, inter alia, to section headings, spelling, contact information, and rule cross-references, or to language inadvertently omitted from a rule.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/09/23	88 FR 8636
Report and Order	02/01/24	89 FR 7224
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**295. Implementation of the Low Power Protection Act, MB Docket No. 23-126 [3060-AL63]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 and 309; 47 U.S.C. 311 and 336(f)

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks to implement the Low Power Protection Act (LPPA) consistent with Congressional direction. The LPPA provides certain low power television stations with an opportunity to apply for primary spectrum use status as Class A television stations. In the Report and Order, the Commission established the Class A eligibility requirements and the process for submitting applications.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/14/23	88 FR 2980
Report and Order	01/10/24	89 FR 1466
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AL63

**296. Video Description, MB Docket No. 11-43 [3060-AL64]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 613

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks to expand audio description requirements to additional market areas. The proposed expansion would help ensure that a greater number of individuals who are blind or visually impaired can be connected, informed, and entertained by television programming.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	03/29/23	88 FR 18505
Report and Order	10/27/23	88 FR 73758
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AL64

**297. 2022 Quadrennial Review of Media Ownership Rules, MB Docket No. 22-459 [3060-AL65]**

*Legal Authority:* 202(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

*Abstract:* Section 202(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires the Commission to review its media ownership rules every four years to determine whether they remain necessary in the public interest as the result of competition. This proceeding will examine the media ownership rules in light of the media landscape of 2022 and beyond.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice .....	01/17/23	88 FR 2595
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AL65

**298. • Modifying Rules for FM Terrestrial Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems, MB Docket No. 22-405 [3060-AL70]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 301 and 302(a)

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission proposes changes to the digital audio broadcasting technical rules that would permit additional FM stations to increase FM hybrid digital effective radiated power beyond the existing levels without the need for individual Commission authorization. In addition, the Commission propose to allow a digital FM station to operate with asymmetric power on the digital sidebands. These rule changes are intended to improve digital FM signal quality and minimize the effect of the digital FM station signal on adjacent channel FM transmissions.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	08/22/23	88 FR 57033
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AL70

**299. • Customer Rebates for Undelivered Video Programming During Blackouts, MB Docket No. 24-20 [3060-AL71]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 303 and 335(a)

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks comment on whether to require cable operators and direct broadcast satellite (DBS) providers to

give their subscribers rebates when those subscribers are deprived of video programming they expect to receive during programming blackouts that result from failed retransmission consent negotiations or failed non-broadcast carriage negotiations. In the event that such a requirement is adopted, the Commission seeks comment below on how to apply the rule, and whether to specify the method that cable operators and DBS providers use to offer the rebates and if so, how they should issue rebates. The Commission also seeks comment on its our authority to adopt a rebate rule. The Commission also invites comment on any other proposals to ensure that subscribers are made whole when they lose access to programming that they expected to receive in exchange for paying a monthly subscription fee when they signed up for service.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/07/24	89 FR 8385
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AL71

**300. • Priority Application Review for Broadcast Stations That Provide Local Journalism or Other Locally Originated Programming, MB Docket No. 24-14 [3060-AL72]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 ; 47 U.S.C. 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 303

*Abstract:* This proceeding addresses certain billing practices of cable and direct broadcast satellite (DBS) service providers that penalize subscribers for terminating video service or switching video service providers. Comment is sought on proposals to protect consumers and promote competition in the video programming marketplace. The proposed customer service protection rules include prohibiting cable operators and DBS service providers from imposing early termination fees and billing cycle fees on subscribers.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/05/24	89 FR 740
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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**301. • Cable Operator and DBS Provider Billing Practices, MB Docket No. 23-405 [3060-AL73]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) ; 47 U.S.C. 303(v) and 335(a); 47 U.S.C. 552(b)  
*Abstract:* This proceeding addresses certain billing practices of cable and direct broadcast satellite (DBS) service providers that penalize subscribers for terminating video service or switching video service providers. Comment is sought on proposals to protect consumers and promote competition in the video programming marketplace. The proposed customer service protection rules include prohibiting cable operators and DBS service providers from imposing early termination fees and billing cycle fees on subscribers.  
*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/05/24	89 FR 740
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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**302. • Reporting Requirements for Commercial Television Broadcast Station Blackouts, MB Docket No. 23-427 [3060-AL74]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 301 and 303; 47 U.S.C. 307; . . .  
*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission proposes a reporting framework for TV station blackouts occurring on video service platforms offered by cable operators, satellite TV providers, and other multichannel video

programming distributors (MVPDs). The proposed reporting framework would require MVPDs to publicly report to the Commission the beginning and end of any qualifying blackout of a commercial broadcast television station, or stations, and disclose either publicly or confidentially the number of subscribers affected by the blackout.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/26/24	89 FR 42277
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**303. • All-In Pricing for Cable and Satellite Television Service, MB Docket No. 23-203 [3060-AL75]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 303 and 316; 47 U.S.C. 335(a); . . .  
*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission proposes to require cable operators and direct broadcast satellite providers to specify the all-in price for video programming as a prominent single line item on subscribers' bills and in promotional materials that state a price.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/30/23	88 FR 42277
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Office of Managing Director*

Long-Term Actions

**304. Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees [3060-AK64]**

*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
NPRM .....	05/13/21	86 FR 26262
R&O .....	05/17/21	86 FR 26677
NPRM .....	09/21/21	86 FR 52429
R&O .....	09/22/21	86 FR 52742
NPRM Comment Period End.	10/21/21	
NPRM .....	06/28/22	87 FR 38588
Report & Order ...	09/14/22	87 FR 56494
NPRM .....	06/01/23	88 FR 36154
NPRM Comment Period End.	06/29/23	
Report and Order	09/15/23	88 FR 63694
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Office of International Affairs*

Long-Term Actions

**305. Process Reform for Executive Branch Review of Certain FCC Applications and Petitions Involving Foreign Ownership, IB Docket No. 16-155 [3060-AL12]**

*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. The Commission, in this proceeding, also adopted Standard Questions that certain applicants with reportable foreign ownership will be required to answer as part of the Executive Branch review process of their applications.

*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	
Second Report and Order Adopted.	09/30/21	86 FR 68428
Second R&O Released.	10/01/21	86 FR 68428
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AL12

**306. • Review of International Section 214 Authorizations To Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks, IB Docket No. 23-119, MD Docket No. 23-134 [3060-AL76]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 201 and 214; 47 U.S.C. 218 and 219; 47 U.S.C. 403 and 413

*Abstract:* By this Notice, the Commission proposes rules that would require carriers to renew, every 10 years, their international section 214 authority. In the alternative, the Commission seeks comment on adopting rules that would require all international section 214 authorization holders to periodically update information enabling the Commission to review the public interest and national security implications of those authorizations based on that updated information. Through these proposals, the Commission seeks to ensure that the Commission is exercising appropriate oversight of international section 214 authorization holders to safeguard U.S. telecommunications networks.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/01/23	88 FR 50486
NPRM Comment Period End.	10/02/23	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**307. Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements: PS Docket No. 07-114 [3060-AJ52]**

*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
5th R&O .....	01/16/20	85 FR 2660
5th NPRM .....	01/16/20	85 FR 2683
5th NPRM Comment Period End.	03/16/20	
6th R&O and Order on Recon.	08/28/20	85 FR 53234
Order of Reconsideration.	01/01/21	86 FR 8714
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**308. Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhancing Submarine Cable Outage Data; GN Docket No. 15-206 [3060-AK39]**

*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.

The compliance date for the new mandatory submarine cable outage reporting rules was October 28, 2021.

*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. PRA Approval for new collection.	12/20/19 03/25/21	84 FR 15733
Public Notice re effective date.	04/28/21	
Compliance Date for New Rules.	10/28/21	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3060–AK39

**309. Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications: (PS Docket No. 15–80, 18–336, 23–5) [3060–AK40]**

*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 sec. 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. In April 2021, in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission proposed to codify a rule adopted in 2016 that exempts satellite and terrestrial wireless providers from reporting outages that potentially affect special offices and

facilities, as defined in Commission rules. This proceeding addresses the Commission’s efforts to improve the utility of its efforts to track network outages and disruptions and does not promote the administration’s specified priorities.

In May 2021, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) filed a Petition for Reconsideration (PFR) requesting that the Commission reconsider its decision in the Second Report and Order to maintain the presumption of confidentiality applied to NORS and DIRS filings. The Commission sought comment on the PFR’s requests.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM, 2nd R&O, Order on Recon..	06/16/15	80 FR 34321
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/31/15	
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 .....	04/29/21	86 FR 22796
3rd NPRM .....	06/30/21	86 FR 34679
CPUC PFR Comment Period End.	08/23/21	86 FR 40801
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3060-AK40

**310. New Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; ET Docket No. 04-35 [3060-AK41]**

*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.

*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	
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

Action	Date	FR Cite
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
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK41

**311. Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA): PS Docket No. 15-91, 15-94, 22-329 [3060-AK54]**

*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.

In April 2023, the Commission released an FNPRM seeking comment on proposals to make WEA alerts understandable to people with disabilities and people with native languages other than English and Spanish, communities that would otherwise be underserved by WEA.

In October 2023, the Commission adopted a Report and Order adopting some of the proposals from the April FNPRM. Proposals adopted include making WEA multilingual, including location-aware maps with alerting, permitting two live WEA tests per county or county equivalent per year, and creating a publicly available WEA Database which will include information about where WEA is and is not available and by what providers.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/19/15	80 FR 77289
NPRM Comment Period End.	01/13/16	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	02/12/16	
Order .....	12/08/16	81 FR 75710
FNPRM .....	09/29/16	81 FR 78539
Comment Period End.	12/08/16	
Petition for Recon	12/19/16	81 FR 91899
Order on Recon ..	02/04/17	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 Period End.	05/29/18	
Public Notice Reply Comment Period End.	06/11/18	
Report and Order and FNPRM.	06/17/21	86 FR 46783
FNPRM .....	04/21/22	87 FR 30857
FNPRM .....	11/23/22	87 FR 71539
FNPRM .....	06/21/23	88 FR 40606
Report and Order	12/15/23	88 FR 86824
Correction .....	01/17/24	89 FR 2885
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**312. 911 Fee Diversion Rulemaking: PS Docket Nos. 20-291, 09-14 [3060-AL31]**

*Legal Authority:* Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. 116-260, Division FF, title 1X, sec. 902, Don’t Break Up the T-Band Act of 2020 (sec. 902)

*Abstract:* In 2020, Congress adopted the “Don’t Break Up the T-Band Act” (section 902) to help address the diversion of 911 fees by states and other jurisdictions for purposes unrelated to 911. Among other requirements, Congress mandated that the Commission should issue final rules designating the uses of 911 fees by states and taxing jurisdictions that constitute 911 fee diversion for purposes of 47 U.S.C. 615a-1, as amended by section 902. The Commission initiated this proceeding and issued new rules at 47 CFR 9.21-9.26 that: (1) clarify the purposes and functions for which expenditures of 911 fees are acceptable and which would be considered



unacceptable and constitute diversion, with illustrative, non-exhaustive examples of each; (2) establish a declaratory ruling process for providing further guidance to states and taxing jurisdictions on fee diversion issues; and (3) codify the specific obligations and restrictions that section 902 imposes on states and taxing jurisdictions, including those that engage in diversion as defined by the Commission’s rules.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Inquiry ..	10/02/20	
NOI Comment Period End.	11/02/20	
NOI Reply Comment Period End.	12/02/20	
NPRM .....	02/17/21	86 FR 12399
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/23/21	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	04/02/21	86 FR 12399
Report & Order ...	06/25/21	86 FR 45892
R&O Erratum .....	08/12/21	86 FR 45892
Petition for Recon	12/22/21	86 FR 72546
Oppositions to Petition for Recon.	01/06/22	
Replies to Oppositions to Petition for Recon.	01/18/22	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**313. Resilient Networks, Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; PS Docket No. 21–346 [3060–AL43]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 1; 47 U.S.C. 4(i) and 4(o); 47 U.S.C. 201(b) and 214(d); 47 U.S.C. 218 and 251(e)(3); 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303(b) and 303(g); 47 U.S.C. 303(j) and 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 309(a) and 309(j); 47 U.S.C. 316 and 332; 47 U.S.C. 403; 47 U.S.C. 615a–1 ; 47 U.S.C. 615c of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154(i)–(j) and (o); 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C 4(j); . . .

*Abstract:* In October 2021, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to

investigate ways to improve the reliability and resiliency of communications networks during emergencies and ways to ensure that communications services remain operational when disasters strike. The NPRM sought comment on: (i) potential improvements to the voluntary Wireless Resiliency Cooperative Framework (Framework), including evaluating what triggers its activation, its scope of participants, whether existing Framework elements can be strengthened, any gaps that need to be addressed, and whether the public would benefit from codifying some or all of the Framework, (ii) ways to enhance the information available to the Commission through Network Outage Reporting System (NORS) and Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) during disasters and network outages to improve situational awareness, and (iii) communications resiliency strategies for power outages, including improved coordination between communications service providers and power companies and deploying onsite backup power or other alternative measures to reduce the frequency, duration, or severity of power-related disruptions to communications services.

In June 2022, the Commission adopted a Report & Order (R&O) and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) following up on and further addressing matters related to the Framework. The R&O introduced the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative (MDRI), which largely codified the Framework’s five substantive provisions as mandatory, extended the reach of these provisions to all facilities-based mobile wireless providers, expanded the real-world criteria that trigger activation of the MDRI (as compared to the Framework) and introduced new provisions requiring providers to test their roaming capabilities and report on the performance of their implementation of the MDRI to the Commission after disaster events. The FNPRM examined whether and how the new reporting requirement can be standardized to ensure that the Commission obtains vital and actionable information on the performance of providers’ implementation of the MDRI in the aftermath of exigency, while also minimizing associated burdens. This proceeding addresses network reliability in the context of public safety and does not promote the administration’s specified priorities.

In October 2022, CTIA and the Competitive Carriers Association (CCA) filed a Petition for Clarification and Partial Reconsideration in response to the 2022 Resilient Networks R&O.

Particularly, Petitioners asked that the Commission: (1) provide a list of potential providers to which the MDRI may apply; (2) provide sufficient time for wireless providers to achieve compliance (by requesting 12 months for non-small providers and 18 months for small providers); (3) align the definitions of “non-small” and “small” with the Commission’s existing definitions of “nationwide” and “non-nationwide” as used in the 911 context; (4) establish the process in which the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) will inform providers that the MDRI is active; and (5) affirm that Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review is required for all information collection obligations and that the Commission will treat all roaming arrangements as presumptively confidential under Section 4.17(d). A draft Order on Reconsideration was circulated for Commission consideration on July 28, 2023.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/01/21	86 FR 61103
NPRM Comment Period End.	01/14/22	
FNPRM .....	06/27/22	87 FR 59379
R&O .....	06/27/22	87 FR 59329
FNPRM Comment Period End.	10/31/22	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	11/29/22	
Petition for Reconsideration.	10/31/22	
Public Notice Comment.	12/02/22	87 FR 7102
Extends Deadline to File Replies.	12/19/22	87 FR 79263
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**314. Location-Based Routing for Wireless 911 Calls (P.S. Docket 18–64) [3060–AL52]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 152(a); 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 160; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 222; 47 U.S.C. 251(e); 47 U.S.C. 301 to 303; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 316 and 332; 47 U.S.C. 615; 47 U.S.C. 615a; 47 U.S.C. 615b; 47 U.S.C. 615c



*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Federal Communications Commission proposes rules to more precisely route wireless 911 calls and texts to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), which can result in faster response times during emergencies. Wireless 911 calls have historically been routed to PSAPs based on the location of the cell tower that handles the call. Sometimes, however, the 911 call is routed to the wrong PSAP because the cell tower is not in the same jurisdiction as the 911 caller. This can happen, for instance, when an emergency call is placed near a county border. These misrouted 911 calls must be transferred from one PSAP to another, which consumes time and resources and can cause confusion and delay in emergency response. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proposes to require wireless and covered text providers to deploy technology that supports location-based routing, a method that relies on precise information about the location of the wireless caller's device, on some networks and to use location-based routing to route 911 voice calls and texts originating on those networks when caller location is accurate and timely. In addition, the NPRM proposes to require CMRS and covered text providers to deliver 911 calls, texts, and associated routing information in internet Protocol (IP) format upon request of certain 911 authorities.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/17/23	88 FR 2565
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/16/23	
Reply Comments Due.	03/20/23	
Report and Order	03/13/24	89 FR 18488
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**315. Next Generation 9-1-1, PS Docket No. 21-479, FCC 23-47 [3060-AL67]**

*Legal Authority:* Not Yet Determined  
*Abstract:* The Federal Communications Commission (the FCC or Commission) proposes rules that will advance the nationwide transition to Next Generation 911 (NG911). The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

proposes requiring certain service providers to complete all translation and routing to deliver 911 calls in the requested internet Protocol (IP)-based format to an Emergency Services IP network (ESInet) or other designated point(s) that allow emergency calls to be answered upon request of 911 authorities who have certified the capability to accept IP-based 911 communications. In addition, the NPRM proposes to require service providers to transmit all 911 calls to destination point(s) in those networks designated by a 911 authority upon request of 911 authorities who have certified the capability to accept IP-based 911 communications. Finally, the NPRM proposes that in the absence of agreements by states or localities on alternative cost recovery mechanisms, service providers must cover the costs of transmitting 911 calls to the point(s) designated by a 911 authority. In addition, the NPRM seeks comment on promoting diversity and inclusion.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/10/23	88 FR 43514
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Space Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**316. Update to Parts 2 and 25 Concerning Nongeostationary, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems, and Related Matters: IB Docket No. I6-408 [3060-AK59]**

*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.	To Be Determined	
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**317. 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]**

*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.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**318. Facilitating the Communications of Earth Stations in Motion With Non-Geostationary Orbit Space Stations: IB Docket No. 18-315 [3060-AK89]**

*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.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**319. Space Innovation; Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age: IB Docket Nos. 18-313, 22-271 [3060-AK90]**

*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.

The Report and Order in this proceeding adopted a number of these proposals. In addition a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking sought comment on topics such as collision risk and casualty risk for multi-satellite systems, de-orbit timelines, maneuverability requirements, and indemnification and post mission disposal bond issues. The Commission issued a Second Report and Order adopting a 5-year de-orbit timeframe for satellites ending their missions in or passing through the low-Earth Orbit region.

Three petitions for reconsideration were filed in response to the initial Report and Order, which were all subsequently denied.

*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	
Second R&O .....	09/29/22	
Notice of Petition for Reconsideration.	11/09/20	85 FR 71296
Denial of Reconsideration.	02/22/24	89 FR 13276
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**320. Parts 2 and 25 To Enable GSO FSS in the 17.3–17.8 GHz Band, Modernize Rules for 17/24 GHz BSS Space Stations, and Establish Off-Axis Uplink Power Limits for Extended KA-Band FSS (IB Doc. No. 20-330) [3060-AL28]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 309(j)

*Abstract:* This item addresses the addition of an allocation in the 17.3–17.7 GHz and 17.7–17.8 GHz bands to the fixed-satellite service in the space-to-Earth direction. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes to add these allocations to the U.S. Table of Frequency Allocations (non-Federal), and proposes modification of existing

technical rules to prevent harmful interference between services in these bands.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/01/21	86 FR 7660
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/03/21	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	03/18/21	
R&O .....	09/03/22	
Erratum .....	09/03/22	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**321. Revising Spectrum Sharing Rules for Non-Geostationary Orbit, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems: IB Docket No. 21-456 [3060-AL41]**

*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 2021, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on revisions to the spectrum sharing requirements among non-geostationary satellite orbit (NGSO), fixed-satellite service (FSS) systems. The NPRM proposed that the Commission's existing spectrum sharing mechanism for NGSO FSS systems will be limited to those systems approved in the same processing round. The NPRM also proposed to adopt a rule providing that later-round NGSO FSS systems will have to protect earlier-round systems, and invited comment on how to define such protection. In addition, the NPRM sought comment on whether to sunset, after a period of time, the interference protection afforded to an NGSO FSS system because of its processing round status.

In 2023, the Commission released a Report and Order (R&O) in this proceeding. The R&O adopted rules clarifying protection obligations between NGSO FSS systems authorized

through different processing rounds by using a degraded throughput methodology, and subjected those protections to a sunset period. After the sunset period, new entrants authorized in later processing rounds would share spectrum on an equal basis with earlier-round incumbents. The R&O also clarified that all NGSO FSS operators licensed or granted market access in the United States must coordinate with each other in good faith, regardless of their processing round status, and explained the Commission's expectations for information sharing during this good-faith coordination. In an accompanying Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), the Commission sought comment on which specific metrics should be used to define the protection afforded to an earlier-round NGSO FSS system from a later-round system, and sought specific comment on implementation of the degraded throughput methodology.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/24/22	87 FR 3481
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/25/22	
Report and Order	06/20/23	88 FR 39783
FNPRM .....	06/21/23	88 FR 40142
FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/05/23	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**322. Expediting Initial Processing of Satellite and Earth Station Applications; Space Innovation, IB Docket Nos. 22-411 and 22-271 [3060-AL51]**

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

*Abstract:* In December 2022, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to seek comment on changes to its rules, policies, or practices to facilitate the acceptance for filing of satellite and earth station applications under 47 CFR part 25. In September 2023 the Commission adopted a Report and Order implementing its proposed changes as well as establishing timeframes for placing space and earth stations on public notice, creating a new,

streamlined processing framework for earth station operators to add satellite points of communication, and establishing a Transparency Initiative led by the Space Bureau to provide clarity and access to applicants. The Commission also adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to seek comment on additional proposed changes to further expedite satellite and earth station licensing.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/17/23	88 FR 2590
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/03/23	
FNPRM .....	12/08/23	
Report and Order—Final Rule.	01/05/24	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	02/06/24	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**323. • Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules To Enable NGSO Fixed-Satellite Service (Space-to-Earth) Operations in the 17.3-17.8 GHz Band [3060-AL79]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 157(a); 47 U.S.C. 303(c) and 303(f); 47 U.S.C. 303(g) and 303(r)

*Abstract:* Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Enable NGSO Fixed-Satellite Service (Space-to-Earth) Operations in the 17.3-17.8 GHz Band.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/26/22	87 FR 64750
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/27/22	
NPRM Reply Comment End.	01/24/23	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Wireless Telecommunications Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**324. 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]**

*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 Re-consideration.	06/06/13	78 FR 34015
Order on Recon- sideration.	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 Unde- termined.	To Be Determined	

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**325. Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Wireless Contraband Device Use in Correctional Facilities; GN Docket No. 13-111 [3060-AK06]**

*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 2017 Report and Order, 82 FR 22742, the Commission addressed 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 eliminated certain filing requirements and provides for immediate approval of the lease applications needed to operate these systems. In the 2017 Further Notice, 82 FR 22780, the Commission sought comment on a process for wireless providers to disable contraband wireless devices once they have been identified. The Commission also sought 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.

In the Second Report and Order, the Commission takes further steps to facilitate the deployment and viability of technological solutions used to combat contraband wireless devices in correctional facilities. The Second Report and Order adopts a framework requiring the disabling of contraband wireless devices detected in correctional facilities upon satisfaction of certain criteria, and the Commission addresses issues involving oversight, wireless provider liability, and treatment of 911 calls. The Second Report and Order further adopts rules requiring advance notice of certain wireless provider network changes to promote and maintain contraband interdiction system effectiveness. In the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission takes further steps to facilitate the deployment and viability of technological solutions used to combat contraband wireless devices in correctional facilities. The Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeks further comment on the relative effectiveness, viability, and cost of additional technological solutions to combat contraband phone use in

correctional facilities previously identified in the record.

*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	
2nd FNPRM .....	08/13/21	86 FR 44681
2nd R&O .....	08/13/21	86 FR 44635
2nd FNPRM Comment Pe- riod End.	09/13/21	
Final Rules Effective (except for those requiring OMB approval).	09/13/21	
Reply Comment Period End.	10/12/21	
Final Rule Effective.	05/03/22	87 FR 26139
Next Action Unde- termined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**326. Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band; GN Docket No. 17-258 [3060-AK12]**

*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.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**327. Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules (WT Docket No. 14-170) [3060-AK28]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 309(j); 47 U.S.C. 316

*Abstract:* This proceeding was initiated to revise some of the Commission's general part 1 rules governing competitive bidding for spectrum licenses to reflect changes in the marketplace, including the challenges faced by new entrants, as well as to advance the statutory directive to ensure that small businesses, rural telephone companies, and businesses owned by members of minority groups and women are given the opportunity to participate in the provision of spectrum-based services. In July 2015, the Commission revised its competitive bidding rules, specifically adopting revised requirements for eligibility for bidding credits, a new rural service provider bidding credit, a prohibition on joint bidding agreements and other changes.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/14/14	79 FR 68172
Public Notice .....	03/16/15	80 FR 15715
Public Notice .....	04/23/15	80 FR 22690
R&O .....	09/18/15	80 FR 56764
Public Notice on Petitions for Reconsideration.	11/10/15	80 FR 69630
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**328. Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Services—Spectrum Frontiers: WT Docket 10-112 [3060-AK44]**

*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
NPRM-Correction	04/25/19	84 FR 17360
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**329. Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band: GN Docket No. 18-122 [3060-AK76]**

*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.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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**330. Amendment of the Commission’s Rules To Promote Aviation Safety: WT Docket No. 19–140 [3060–AK92]**

*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.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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**331. Implementation of State and Local Governments’ Obligation To Approve Certain Wireless Facility Modification Requests Under Section 6409(a) of the Spectrum Act of 2012 (WT Docket No. 19–250) [3060–AL29]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. chs. 2, 5, 9, 13; 28 U.S.C. 2461, unless otherwise noted.

*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks to reduce regulatory barriers to wireless infrastructure deployment by further streamlining the state and local government review process for modifications to existing wireless infrastructure under section 6409(a) of the Spectrum Act of 2012.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/02/20	85 FR 39859
Declaratory Ruling	07/27/20	85 FR 45126
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/03/20	
R&O .....	12/03/20	85 FR 78005
Petition for Recon	03/03/21	86 FR 12898
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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**332. Expanding Flexible Use of the 12.2–12.7 GHz Band, et al., WT Docket No. 20–443, ET AL [3060–AL40]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 152; 47 U.S.C. 153; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 155; 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 302; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 304; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 310; 47 U.S.C. 316

*Abstract:* The Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) finds that it is not in the public interest to add a mobile allocation to permit a two-way terrestrial 5G service in the 12.2 GHz band based on the current record and seeks further comment on how it could facilitate more robust terrestrial operations in the 12.212.7 GHz band. The item specifically seeks comment on how its proposals may promote or inhibit advances in diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, as well as the scope of the Commission’s relevant legal authority.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	03/08/21	86 FR 13266
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/07/21	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	05/07/21	
NPRM .....	04/16/21	86 FR 20111
NPRM Extension Comment Period End.	05/07/21	
NPRM Extension Reply Comment Period End.	06/07/21	
NPRM Denial of Further Extension of Deadlines for Filing Comments and Reply Comments.	05/27/21	86 FR 28520
NPRM .....	06/22/21	86 FR 32669
NPRM Extension Reply Comment Period.	07/07/21	
Report and Order	07/10/23	88 FR 43462
FNPRM .....	07/10/23	88 FR 43502
FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/09/23	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	09/08/23	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM ..... NPRM Comment Period End.	09/18/23 09/08/23	88 FR 63890
Next Action Unde- termined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AL40

**333. Facilitating Shared Use in the 3100-3550 MHz Band [3060-AL57]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 155(c) and 157; 47 U.S.C. 301 and 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 and 308; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 309(j)(3)(B) and 309(j)(4)(D); 47 U.S.C. 310 and 316; 47 U.S.C. 923(g) and 928; 47 U.S.C. 1502; Pub. L. 115-141, sec. 603; Pub. L. 116-260, sec. 905

*Abstract:* In the 3.45 GHz Band Second R&O, the Commission adopted rules to make 100 megahertz of mid-band spectrum available for flexible use throughout the contiguous United States. To facilitate this goal, the Commission previously had determined that secondary, nonfederal radiolocation licensees in the band would be relocated to the 2.9-3.0 GHz band. In the 3.45 GHz Band Second R&O, the Commission further determined that secondary, non-federal radiolocation authorizations would sunset 180 days after new 3.45 GHz Service licenses are granted in the band. On January 4, 2022, the auction for these new licenses concluded and licenses were granted on May 4, 2022. The non-federal radiolocation authorizations sunset on October 31, 2022.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM ..... NPRM Comment Period End.	01/22/20 03/23/20	85 FR 3579
Final Rule ..... Report & Order and FNPRM.	10/09/20 10/21/20	85 FR 64062 85 FR 66888
FNPRM Comment Period End.	11/20/20	
Correction to Final Rule.	11/03/20	85 FR 69515
Report & Order, Order on Re- consideration and Order of Proposed Modi- fication.	04/07/21	86 FR 17920

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule and Order.	12/22/22	87 FR 78579
Next Action Unde- termined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AL57

**334. Shared Use of the 42-42.5 GHz Band (WT Docket No. 23-158, GN Docket No. 14-177) [3060-AL68]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 thru 152; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 301 and 302a; 47 U.S.C. 303 and 304; 47 U.S.C. 307 and 309

*Abstract:* The Federal Communications Commission seeks comment on how innovative, non-exclusive spectrum access models might be deployed in the 42 GHz band (42-42.5 GHz) to provide increased access to high-band spectrum, particularly by smaller wireless service providers, and to support efficient, intensive use of the band. The Commission also seeks comment on how potential sharing and licensing regimes might lower barriers to entry for smaller or emerging wireless service providers, encourage competition, and prevent spectrum warehousing.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM ..... NPRM Comment Period End.	07/31/23 08/30/23	88 FR 49423
NPRM Reply Comment Pe- riod End.	09/29/23	
Next Action Unde- termined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AL68

**335. • Single Network Future: Supplemental Coverage From Space, GN Docket No. 23-65 [3060-AL69]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 301 and 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 and 308; 47 U.S.C. 309 and 310

*Abstract:* In the 2023 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission proposed a new regulatory framework for Supplemental Coverage from Space (SCS) that would facilitate the integration of satellite and terrestrial networks through partnerships between satellite operators and terrestrial service providers on flexible-use spectrum licensed to terrestrial services. The proposed framework would enable expanded coverage to a terrestrial licensee's subscribers, especially in remote, unserved, and underserved areas, and would increase the availability of emergency communications.

In the 2024 Report and Order, the Commission adopted a regulatory framework for SCS that will serve important public interest goals, including expanding the reach of communications services, particularly emergency services, so that connectivity and emergency assistance is available in more remote places. The framework will also spur advancements in space-based technologies that will position the United States as a global leader in this arena, and promote the innovative and efficient use of our nation's spectrum resources. The Commission authorized SCS only in certain spectrum bands and only where one or more terrestrial licensees together holding all licenses on the relevant channel throughout a defined geographically independent area lease access to their spectrum rights to a participating satellite operator. The Report and Order also imposed technical rules in an effort to mitigate harmful interference.

In the Report and Order, in recognition that this new offering has the potential to bring life-saving connectivity to remote areas, the Commission adopted interim 911 call and text routing requirements to ensure that help is available to those who need it today while the Commission works toward enabling automatic location-based routing of all emergency communications. In the 2024 Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission sought to further develop the record on 911 service for SCS connections, including the use of location-based routing to route SCS voice calls directly to an appropriate Public Safety Answering Point. In addition, the Commission sought further



comment on procedures related to the protection of radio astronomy.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/12/23	88 FR 21944
NPRM Comment Period End.	06/12/23	
Report and Order	03/15/24	To Be Determined
FNPRM .....	03/15/24	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	04/15/24	
Final Rule Effective (Rules Requiring OMB Approval).	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AL69

**336. • Modifying Emissions Limits For the 24.25-24.45 GHz and 24.75-25.25 GHz Bands [ET Docket No. 21-186] [3060-AL80]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 302; 47 U.S.C. 302(a) and 302(r) ; 47 U.S.C. 308; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 333

*Abstract:* In this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Federal Communications Commission propose to implement certain decisions regarding the 24.25-27.5 GHz band made in the World Radiocommunication Conference held by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in 2019 (WRC-19). Specifically, it proposes to align part 30 of the Commission’s rules for mobile operations with the Resolution 750 limits on unwanted emissions into the passive 23.6-24.0 GHz band that were adopted at WRC-19. These proposed rule changes would help to facilitate the protection of passive sensors used for weather forecasting and scientific research in the 23.6 GHz-24.0 GHz band, while continuing to promote flexible commercial use of the 24.25-24.45 GHz and 24.75-25.25 GHz bands.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/29/24	89 FR 5440
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/28/24	
NPRM Reply Comment End.	03/14/24	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End.	02/08/24	89 FR 8621
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**337. • Alaska Connect Fund Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [3060-AL81]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 thru 152; 47 U.S.C. 154 thru 155; 47 U.S.C. 201 thru 206; 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 218 thru 220; 47 U.S.C. 251 thru 252; 47 U.S.C. 254 and 256; 47 U.S.C. 301 and 303; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 332; 47 U.S.C. 403

*Abstract:* On October 19, 2023, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to explore how the universal service high-cost support program can continue funding fixed and mobile broadband services in Alaska one of the hardest to serve areas in the country. The Commission sought comment to better understand the changes, including technology and the broadband funding landscape, that have occurred in Alaska since 2016 when the Commission adopted the currently operative, ten-year Alaska Plan, which, alongside two other fixed-high cost programs in Alaska, is scheduled to wind-down in the next few years. The proposed rulemaking sought comment on a number of issues to help the Commission determine the most effective methodologies and uses for future universal service funding for high-cost fixed and mobile services in Alaska. As part of the rulemaking, the Commission will leverage data from the agency’s new and improved broadband coverage map and broadband funding map, which provide a more accurate picture of where service is and is not, and where deployment has already been funded, in Alaska.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/17/23	88 FR 80238
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/15/24	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**338. • Indian Peak Properties LLC Petitions for Declaratory Ruling Seeking Preemption Under the Rule Governing Over-the-Air Reception Devices [3060-AL82]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 155(c); 47 U.S.C. 201(b); 47 U.S.C. 202(a); 47 U.S.C. 205; 47 U.S.C. 251; 47 U.S.C. 253; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 316; 47 U.S.C. 332; Pub. L. 104-104, 207, 706, 110 Stat. 56, 114, 153

*Abstract:* In its Application for Review, Indian Peak sought review of decisions by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and the Media Bureau to deny its petition for protection under the Over-the-Air-Reception-Device (OTARD) rule of antennas it had placed on the roof of a single family home in a residential neighborhood. Indian Peak was operating the home as a commercial communications site. The Order on Review denies in part and dismisses in part the application for review. In denying the application for review, the Order on Review clarifies that to qualify for protection under the OTARD rule, the equipment must benefit a human end-user on the premises.

Section 207 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 directed the Commission to promulgate regulations to prohibit restrictions that impair a viewer’s ability to receive video programming services through devices designed for over-the-air reception of television broadcast signals, multichannel multipoint distribution service, or direct broadcast satellite services. To meet this requirement, the Commission adopted the OTARD rule. The Commission subsequently expanded the scope of the rule so that it now covers wireless broadband antennas including hub and relay antennas. Beginning in 2004, when the rule was expanded to cover equipment designed to receive wireless broadband signal, the Commission began using the term customer in place of viewer.

The facts pled by Indian Peak were vague but indicated that the property was largely an unmanned communications site with equipment that was controlled remotely by offsite personnel. In the Order on Review, the Commission clarifies that the use of the



term viewer in section 207 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 signaled Congress's intent to protect the rights of a human being to receive signal, and therefore to qualify for protection under the OTARD rule an applicant must plead facts sufficient to establish that the equipment provides signal to a human end-user on the premises. The Commission's use of the term customer in place of viewer does not alter this basic requirement of the rule.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

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Long-Term Actions

**339. Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information (CC Docket No. 96-115), Data Breach Reporting Requirements (WC Docket No. 22-21) [3060-AG43]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 222; 47 U.S.C. 272; 47 U.S.C. 303(r)

*Abstract:* The Commission adopted rules implementing the new statutory framework governing carrier use and disclosure of customer proprietary network information (CPNI) created by section 222 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. CPNI includes, among other things, to whom, where, and when a customer places a call, as well as the types of service offerings to which the customer subscribes and the extent to which the service is used.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	05/28/96	61 FR 26483
Public Notice .....	02/25/97	62 FR 8414
Second R&O and FNPRM.	04/24/98	63 FR 20364
Order on Recon ..	10/01/99	64 FR 53242
Final Rule, Announcement of Effective Date.	01/26/01	66 FR 7865

Action	Date	FR Cite
Clarification Order and Second NPRM.	09/07/01	66 FR 50140
Third R&O and Third FNPRM.	09/20/02	67 FR 59205
NPRM .....	03/15/06	71 FR 13317
NPRM .....	06/08/07	72 FR 31782
Final Rule, Announcement of Effective Date.	06/08/07	72 FR 31948
Public Notice .....	07/13/12	77 FR 35336
Final Rule .....	09/21/17	82 FR 44188
NPRM .....	01/23/23	88 FR 3953
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/23/23	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	03/24/23	
Report and Order	02/12/24	89 FR 9968
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**340. Local Telephone Networks That LECs Must Make Available to Competitors [3060-AH44]**

*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

Action	Date	FR Cite
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	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**341. Jurisdictional Separations [3060-AJ06]**

*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.

On March 31, 2020, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit affirmed the Commission’s December 2018 Report and Order.

*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.	03/01/19	84 FR 6977
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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**342. Rates for Inmate Calling Services; WC Docket No. 12–375; Incarcerated People’s Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act, WC Docket No. 23–62 [3060–AK08]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and (j); 47 U.S.C. 201(b); 47 U.S.C. 218; 47 U.S.C. 220; 47 U.S.C. 276; 47 U.S.C. 403; 47 CFR 64; Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act of 2022; Pub. L. 117–338, 136 Stat. 6156; 47 U.S.C. 152(b) and 153(1)(E); 47 U.S.C. 276(b)(1)(A) and (d)

*Abstract:* In the Second Report and Order, the Federal Communications Commission (the Commission) adopted rule changes to ensure that rates for both interstate and intrastate inmate calling

services (ICS) are fair, just, and reasonable limits on ancillary service charges imposed by ICS providers. In the Second Report and Order, the Commission set caps on all interstate and intrastate calling rates for ICS, established a tiered rate structure based on the size and type of facility being served, limited the types of ancillary services that ICS providers may charge for and capped the charges for permitted fees, banned flat-rate calling, facilitated access to ICS by people with disabilities by requiring providers to offer free or steeply discounted rates for calls using TTY, and imposed reporting and certification requirements to facilitate continued oversight of the ICS market. In the Third Further Notice portion of the item, the Commission sought comment on ways to promote competition for ICS, video visitation, and rates for international calls, and considered an array of solutions to further address areas of concern in the ICS industry. In an Order on Reconsideration, the Commission amended its rate caps and the definition of “mandatory tax or mandatory fee”.

On June 13, 2017, the D.C. Circuit vacated the rate caps adopted in the Second Report and Order, as well as reporting requirements related to video visitation. The court held that the Commission lacked jurisdiction over intrastate ICS calls and that the rate caps the Commission adopted for interstate calls were arbitrary and capricious. The court also remanded the Commission’s caps on ancillary fees. On September 26, 2017, the court denied a petition for rehearing en banc. On December 21, 2017, the court issued two separate orders: one vacating the 2016 Order on Reconsideration insofar as it purported to set rate caps on inmate calling services, and one dismissing as moot challenges to the Commission’s First Report and Order on ICS.

On February 4, 2020, the Commission’s Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) released a Public Notice seeking to refresh the record on ancillary service charges imposed in connection with ICS.

On August 6, 2020, the Commission adopted a Report and Order on Remand and a Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking responding to remands by the D.C. Circuit and proposing to comprehensively reform rates and charges for the ICS within the Commission’s jurisdiction. The Report and Order on Remand found that the Commission’s five permitted ancillary service charges: (1) automated payment fees; (2) fees for single-call and related services; (3) live agent fees; (4) paper bill/statement fees; and (5) third-party

financial transaction fees generally, cannot be practically segregated between interstate and intrastate inmate telephone calls, except in a limited number of cases. Accordingly, the Commission prohibited ICS providers from imposing ancillary service fees higher than the Commission's caps, or imposing fees for additional ancillary services unless imposed in connection with purely intrastate inmate telephone service calls.

The Order also reinstated a rule prohibiting providers from marking up third-party fees for single-call services; reinstated rule language that prohibits providers from marking up mandatory taxes or fees that they pass on to inmate telephone service consumers; and amended certain of the ICS rules consistent with the D.C. Circuit's mandates to reflect that the Commission's rate and fee caps on ICS apply only to interstate and international inmate calling.

The Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposed to substantially reduce the interstate rate cap for inmate telephone calls from the current interim rate caps of \$0.21 per minute for debit or prepaid calls and \$0.25 per minute for collect calls for all types of correctional facilities, to permanent rate caps of \$0.14 per minute for all interstate calls from prisons and \$0.16 for all interstate calls from jails. The Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking also proposed to adopt rate caps for international ICS calls for the first time based on the proposed interstate rate caps, plus the amount that the provider must pay its underlying international service provider for an international call. It also proposed a waiver process for providers that believe the Commission's rate caps would not allow them to recover their costs of serving a particular facility or contract. Finally, it sought comment on a further mandatory data collection to continue efforts to reform these rates and fees.

On November 23, 2020, Global Tel\*Link Corporation (GTL) filed a petition for reconsideration of the August 6, 2020 Order on Remand. On December 3, 2020, the Commission established the opposition and reply comment dates for the petition.

On May 24, 2021, the Commission released the Third Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration and Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. In the Third Report and Order, the Commission: (1) substantially reduced the interim rate caps for interstate ICS from prisons and larger jails (those with 1,000 or more incarcerated people) from \$0.21 per minute for debit and prepaid

calls and \$0.25 per minute for collect calls to new uniform interim interstate caps of \$0.12 per minute for prisons and \$0.14 per minute for larger jails; (2) maintained the interim interstate rate cap of \$0.21 for jails with less than 1,000 incarcerated people because of insufficient record evidence to determine providers' costs of serving those facilities at the time; (3) eliminated separate treatment of collect calls, resulting in a uniform interim interstate rate cap for all types of calls at each facility; (4) reformed the treatment of site commission payments by specifying that providers may pass through to consumers (without any markup) site commission payments that are mandated by federal, state, or local law and that providers may pass through to consumers no more than \$0.02 per minute site commission payments resulting from contractual obligations negotiated between providers and correctional officials; (5) capped, for the first time, international calling rates at all facilities at the applicable facility's total interstate rate cap, plus the amount the inmate calling services provider pays to its underlying wholesale carriers for completing international calls; (6) reformed the ancillary service charge caps for third-party financial transaction fees, including those related to calls that are billed on a per-call basis; and (7) adopted a new mandatory data collection to obtain more uniform cost data based on consistent, prescribed allocation methodologies to determine just and reasonable, permanent, interstate and international cost-based rates for facilities of all sizes.

In the Order on Reconsideration, the Commission denied GTL's petition for reconsideration of a single sentence from the 2020 Remand Order, in which the Commission reminded providers that the jurisdictional nature of a call, that is whether it is interstate or intrastate, depends on the physical location of the endpoints of the call and not on whether the area code or NXX prefix of the telephone number associated with the account are associated with a particular state. The Commission determined that the end-to-end analysis has been, and remains, the generally applicable test for all telecommunications carriers in determining the jurisdiction of their calls and the Commission continues to use the traditional end-to-end jurisdictional analysis in setting rates for calls placed by ICS consumers.

In the Fifth Further Notice, the Commission proposed to amend its rules to require calling service providers to provide access to all forms of

Telecommunications Relay Services, including internet-based services, to facilitate greater accessibility for incarcerated people with hearing and speech disabilities. The Commission also sought comment on: (1) the methodology the Commission should use to set permanent per-minute rate caps for interstate and international inmate calling services; (2) site commission costs for facilities of all sizes and site commission reform generally; (3) the costs of providing services to jails with average daily populations of fewer than 1,000 incarcerated people; (4) whether and how the Commission should reform the ancillary service charge caps and how the Commission can curtail potentially abusive practices related to these charges; (5) whether to institute a recurring periodic data collection; and (6) whether some providers have market power in the bidding process, thereby impacting the competitiveness of the bidding process.

On September 22, 2021, WCB and the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA), (collectively, WCB/OEA) issued a Public Notice seeking comment on the contours and specific requirements of the Third Mandatory Data Collection, including proposed instructions and a proposed template for that collection. In issuing this Public Notice, WCB/OEA were acting pursuant to the Commission's directive, made in the 2021 ICS Order, that the new data collection obtain data on providers' operations, costs, demand, and revenues, among other information. As the Commission explained in that Order, the collected information would allow the Commission to set permanent interstate and international inmate calling services rate caps and to evaluate and, if warranted, revise the ancillary service charge caps.

On December 15, 2021, WCB/OEA issued a Public Notice seeking comment on revised requirements for ICS Annual Reports, including proposed instructions, templates, and a provider certification. Specifically, the Public Notice proposed changes in the reporting requirements to align them with ICS rule changes adopted in the 2021 ICS Order.

On January 18, 2022, WCB adopted an Order implementing the Third Mandatory Data Collection and adopted accompanying instructions, reporting templates, and a certification form. The collected information would allow the Commission to set permanent interstate and international inmate calling services rate caps and to evaluate and, if warranted, revise the current ancillary service charge caps.

On February 9, 2022, WCB released a public notice announcing that the providers' mandatory data collection responses will be due no later than June 30, 2022.

On June 24, 2022, WCB adopted an Order implementing revisions to its annual reporting requirements, including accompanying instructions, reporting templates, and a certification form. The revisions were consistent with changes made in the Third Report and Order.

On September 30, 2022, the Commission released the Fourth Report and Order, and Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The Report and Order required ICS providers to provide access to all relay services eligible for Telecommunications Relay Services fund support in any correctional facility that is located where broadband is available and is part of a correctional system with 50 or more incarcerated people. This included the ability to place point-to-point video calls using American Sign Language. The rules also restricted provider charges for relay services and point-to-point video calls. More generally, the rules reduced certain charges and curtailed abusive practices related to ICS to ease the financial burdens on all incarcerated people and their families. To ensure that the rates, terms, and practices related to interstate and international ICS are just and reasonable, the Order prohibited providers from taking control of funds in inactive calling accounts until at least 180 calendar days of continuous inactivity had passed, after which providers are required to refund the balance or dispose of the funds in accordance with applicable state law. The Order also lowered the current ancillary fee caps on charges for single call services, and lowered the cap on provider charges for processing credit card, debit card, and other payments to calling services accounts. Finally, the Commission revised the definitions of "Prison" and "Jail" in its rules to conform with the Commission's intent in adopting them in 2015.

In the Sixth Further Notice, the Commission sought additional comment on whether to allow enterprise registration for internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service in carceral settings and how to address the special circumstances faced by some ICS providers in jurisdictions with average daily populations of fewer than 50 incarcerated persons. This Notice sought comment on refining the rules adopted in the Fifth Report and Order concerning the treatment of balances in inactive accounts. It also sought comment on expanding the breadth and

scope of the Commission's consumer disclosure requirements. The Commission asked for comment on how it should use the data filed in response to the Third Mandatory Data Collection to establish just and reasonable permanent caps on interstate and international rates and associated ancillary service charges consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1934 (the Act). The Commission invited further comment on allowing ICS providers to offer pilot programs allowing consumers to purchase calling services under alternative pricing structures.

On March 17, 2023, the Commission opened a new docket, WC Docket No. 23–62, and released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order to begin implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act of 2022, which was signed into law on January 5, 2023. The Martha Wright-Reed Act expands the Commission's authority over rates charged for incarcerated people's communications services, including intrastate services, and directs the Commission to adopt just and reasonable rates and charges for incarcerated people's audio and video communications services not earlier than 18 months and not later than 24 months after the date of its enactment. The Notice seeks comment on (1) the expansion of the Commission's authority over incarcerated people's communications services to include advanced communications services (including audio and video services) and intrastate services; (2) the meaning of "just and reasonable" in the context of the Act's other provisions; (3) the rate-making methodology the Commission should use to fulfill its mandate to ensure that rates and charges for incarcerated people's communications services are just and reasonable; (4) the safety and security costs necessary for the provision of incarcerated people's communications services; and (5) the actions the Commission should take to ensure that incarcerated people's communications services are accessible to, and usable by, people with communication disabilities. The accompanying Order reaffirmed the Commission's prior delegation of data collection authority to WCB/OEA and directed staff to initiate a collection of provider data to inform the Commission's responsibilities to implement the requirements of the Martha Wright-Reed Act.

*[Note: The Commission has historically used the term inmate calling services" or ICS" when referencing payphone service in the incarceration*

*context. With the passage of the Martha Wright-Reed Act, the Commission now uses the term incarcerated people's communications services" or IPCS" instead of inmate calling services" or ICS" to refer to the broader range of communications services and providers subject to the Commission's jurisdiction as a result of the Act.]*

On April 28, 2023, the Wireline Competition Bureau and the Office of Economics and Analytics released a Public Notice seeking comment on a proposal to update the Commission's Third Mandatory Data Collection to encompass and collect data on all incarcerated people's communications services (IPCS) from all providers of those services subject to the Commission's expanded authority under the Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act. The proposed modifications included collecting information concerning any audio or video communications service used by incarcerated people for the purpose of communicating with non-incarcerated individuals, regardless of technology used. The Public Notice also sought comment on proposed modifications to the instructions, reporting template, and certification form to implement the modified mandatory data collection.

On July 26, 2023, the Wireline Competition Bureau and the Office of Economics and Analytics released an Order adopting the modifications to the Third Mandatory Data Collection proposed in the April 28, 2023, Public Notice. The modifications included collecting information concerning any audio or video communications service used by incarcerated people for the purpose of communicating with non-incarcerated individuals, regardless of technology used. The Order adopted the proposed instructions, reporting template, and certification form.

On August 3, 2023, the Wireline Competition Bureau and the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau released a Public Notice seeking comment on proposed revisions to the Annual Reports and Annual Certifications that the Commission requires certain providers of IPCS to submit. The Public Notice proposed changes to the Annual Reports to (1) reflect expanded reporting requirements regarding access to IPCS by persons with communication disabilities and (2) seek data about video IPCS necessary to implement the Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act. The Public Notice also sought comment on proposed modifications to the instructions, reporting templates, and

certification form for the Annual Reports data collection.

On October 31, 2023, IPCS providers filed their data submissions in response to the 2023 Mandatory Data Collection. Commission staff processed the submissions and on March [XX], 2024, WCB/OEA released a Public Notice announcing the availability of the preliminary 2023 Mandatory Data Collection database to eligible individuals pursuant to protective order. Commission Chairwoman Rosenworcel hosted IPCS listening sessions on October 27, 2023 in Chicago, IL and on February 1, 2024 in Charleston, SC.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	01/22/13	78 FR 4369
FNPRM .....	11/13/13	78 FR 68005
R&O .....	11/13/13	78 FR 67956
FNPRM Comment Period End.	12/20/13	
2nd FNPRM .....	11/21/14	79 FR 69682
2nd FNPRM Comment Period End.	01/15/15	
2nd FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	01/20/15	
3rd FNPRM .....	12/18/15	80 FR 79020
2nd R&O .....	12/18/15	80 FR 79136
3rd FNPRM Comment Period End.	01/19/16	
3rd FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	02/08/16	
Order on Reconsideration.	09/12/16	81 FR 62818
Announcement of OMB Approval.	03/01/17	82 FR 12182
Correction to Announcement of OMB Approval.	03/08/17	82 FR 12922
Announcement of OMB Approval.	02/06/20	85 FR 6947
Public Notice .....	02/19/20	85 FR 9444
Public Notice Comment Period End.	03/20/20	
Public Notice Reply Comment Period End.	04/06/20	
Letter .....	07/15/20	
R&O on Remand & 4th FNPRM.	08/06/20	85 FR 67450; 85 FR 67480; 85 FR 73233
Order .....	09/01/20	
Public Notice .....	09/24/20	85 FR 66512
Public Notice .....	10/23/20	
Letter .....	11/13/20	
Public Notice .....	12/03/20	85 FR 83000
Order Extending Reply Comment Deadline.	12/17/20	
Public Notice .....	01/08/21	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Comment Period End on 12/3/2020, Public Notice End.	01/11/21	
Comment Period End on 12/3/2020, Public Notice End.	01/21/21	
Public Notice .....	03/03/21	
5th FNPRM .....	07/28/21	86 FR 40416
3rd R&O .....	07/28/21	86 FR 40682
3rd R&O .....	07/28/21	86 FR 40340
Order .....	08/10/21	86 FR 48952
Public Notice (MDC).	09/22/21	86 FR 54897
5th NPRM Comment Period End.	09/27/21	
Order Extending Reply Comment Deadline.	10/15/21	86 FR 60438
5th NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	10/27/21	
Comment Period End on 09/22/2021, Public Notice End.	11/04/21	
Reply Comment Period on 09/22/2021, Public Notice End.	11/19/21	
5th NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	12/17/21	
Public Notice on Annual Reports.	01/04/22	87 FR 212
Comment Period End on 01/04/2022, Public Notice End.	01/12/22	
Reply Period on 01/04/2022, Public Notice End.	01/27/22	
Order Adopting MDC.	03/22/22	87 FR 16560
Order Adopting Annual Reports Revisions.	08/02/22	87 FR 47103
4th R&O .....	09/30/22	
6th FNPRM .....	09/30/22	
NPRM—Proposing Implementation of Martha Wright-Reed Act.	04/07/23	88 FR 20804
Public Notice—Proposing 2023 MDC.	05/03/23	88 FR 27850
Order—Adopting 2023 Mandatory Data Collection.	08/03/23	88 FR 51240
Public Notice—Proposing Annual Report Revisions.	08/09/23	88 FR 53850
Public Notice .....	09/21/23	88 FR 65134
Public Notice .....	10/20/23	
NPRM .....	01/16/24	89 FR 2514
Public Notice .....	01/25/24	
Public Notice .....	02/28/24	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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**343. Comprehensive Review of the Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts (WC Docket No. 14–130) [3060–AK20]**

*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.

On June 5, 2017, NCTA-The internet & Television Association filed a petition for reconsideration of the Report and Order requesting that the Commission: (a) clarify that parties making pole attachments will have access to all accounting information needed to verify the reasonableness of pole attachment rates; and (b) establish additional substantive protections to ensure that pole attachment rates based on GAAP are consistent with the requirements of Section 224 of the Communication Act and the assurances contained in the Part 32 Order. Oppositions to that petition were due on July 21, 2017, and replies were due on July 31, 2017.

*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
Petition for Reconsideration.	06/05/17	82 FR 31282
Comment Period on Petition for Reconsideration End.	07/21/17	
Reply Comment Period on Petition for Reconsideration End.	07/31/17	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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**344. Restoring Internet Freedom, WC Docket No. 17-108; Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28; Safeguarding and Securing the Open Internet, WC Docket No. 23-320 [3060-AK21]**

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

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed to reestablish the framework the Commission adopted in 2015 to classify broadband internet access service as a telecommunications service and to classify mobile broadband internet access service as a commercial mobile service. The Commission also proposed to forbear from 26 Title II provisions, and clarify that the Commission will not regulate rates or require network unbundling. Finally, the Commission proposed to reestablish a national regulatory approach to protect the open internet by preventing broadband internet access service providers from engaging in practices harmful to consumers, including: (1) proposing to reinstate straightforward, clear rules that prohibit blocking, throttling, or engaging in paid or affiliated prioritization arrangements; (2) proposing to reinstate a general conduct standard that would prohibit unreasonable interference or unreasonable disadvantage to consumers or edge providers; and (3) proposing to retain the disclosure requirements under the current transparency rule and seeking comment on the means of disclosure, the interplay between the transparency rule and the broadband label requirements, and any additional enhancements or changes.

*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	01/07/21	86 FR 994
NPRM .....	11/03/23	88 FR 76048
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/14/23	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	01/17/24	

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Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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*RIN:* 3060-AK21

**345. 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]**

*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 overlash 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 for 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.

In September 2019, CTIA filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling seeking clarification of certain issues raised in the 2018 Third Report and Order. On July 29, 2020, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Declaratory Ruling clarifying that (1) the imposition of a blanket ban by a utility on attachments to any portion of a utility pole is inconsistent with the federal requirement that a denial of access . . . be specific to a particular request; and (2) while utilities and attachers have the flexibility to negotiate terms in their pole attachment agreements that differ from the requirements in the Commission’s rules, a utility cannot use its significant negotiating leverage to require an attacher to give up rights to which the attacher is entitled under the rules without the attacher obtaining a corresponding benefit.

On July 20, 2020, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice seeking comment on a Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed on July 16, 2020, by NCTA The internet & Television Association. NCTA asked the Commission to declare that: (1) pole owners must share in the cost of pole replacements in unserved areas pursuant to section 224 of the Communications Act, section 1.1408(b) of the Commission’s rules, and Commission precedent; (2) pole attachment complaints arising in unserved areas should be prioritized through placement on the Accelerated Docket under section 1.736 of the Commission’s rules; and (3) section 1.1407(b) of the Commission’s rules authorizes the Commission to order any pole owner to complete a pole replacement within a specified period of time or designate an authorized contractor to do so. Comments on the NCTA Petition were due by September 2, 2020, and reply comments by September 17, 2020.

On January 19, 2021, WCB released a Declaratory Ruling on the subject of pole replacements. WCB declined to rule on the NCTA Petition, finding that the questions raised were better suited to a rulemaking. However, in response to the Petition’s record, WCB issued a

narrow clarification: a utility may not impose the entire cost of a pole replacement on a requesting attacher when the attacher is not the sole cause of the pole replacement (for instance, where the pole has been red-tagged *i.e.*, placed on a utility’s pole replacement schedule due to non-compliance with safety standards).

On July 23, 2021, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice seeking comment on a Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by the Edison Electric Institute asking the Commission to declare that: (1) when the Commission determines that a pole attachment rate, term, or condition is unjust and unreasonable and orders a refund pursuant to section 1.1407(a)(3) of the Commission’s rules, the applicable statute of limitations is the same as the two-year period prescribed by section 415(b) of the Act; and (2) refunds in pole attachment complaint proceedings are not appropriate for any period preceding good-faith notice of a dispute. Deadlines for filing comments and reply comments were set for August 23, 2021, and September 10, 2021, respectively.

In March 2022, the Commission began the rulemaking contemplated by the January 2021 Declaratory Ruling, by adopting a Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on several issues relating to pole replacements, including (1) whether and to what extent utilities directly benefit from various types of pole replacements in situations where a pole replacement is not necessitated solely by a new attachment request; (2) whether requiring utilities to pay a portion of the costs of a pole replacement would positively or negatively affect negotiations of pole attachment agreements and broadband deployment; (3) what measures the Commission could adopt to expedite the resolution of pole replacement disputes; and (4) what scope of refunds the Commission should order when it determines that a pole attachment rate, term, or condition is unjust and unreasonable. Comments on the Second FNPRM were due on June 27, 2022, while reply comments were due on August 26, 2022.

On December 13, 2023, the Commission adopted a Fourth Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking that takes a number of actions, makes a number of clarifications, and seeks comment on further actions designed to accelerate the deployment of next-generation networks and services through removing barriers to infrastructure investment.

On January 19, 2024, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice seeking comment on a Petition for Reconsideration filed by the Edison Electric Institute asking the Commission to reconsider the Declaratory Ruling to (1) clearly define the narrow circumstances in which a utility pole owner is required to provide a copy of its easement to an attacher that seeks to access a pole within such easement; and (2) remove or clarify its ruling that a pole replacement is not ‘necessitated solely’ by an attachment requires if a utility’s previous or contemporaneous change to its internal construction standards necessitates replacement of an existing pole. Deadlines for filing comments and reply comments were set for February 13, 2024 and February 23, 2024, respectively.

On February 16, 2024, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice seeking comment on a Petition for Reconsideration filed by the Concerned Coalition of Utilities asking the Commission to reconsider the Fourth Report and Order to eliminate the requirement that utilities submit a copy of period pole inspection reports to attaching entities. Deadlines for filing comments and reply comments were set for March 15, 2024 and March 25, 2024, respectively.

*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	
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
NCTA Public Notice.	07/20/20	
CTIA Declaratory Ruling.	07/29/20	
Declaratory Ruling	01/19/21	



Action	Date	FR Cite
Order on Reconsideration.	02/02/21	86 FR 8872
EEO Public Notice	07/23/21	
EEO Public Notice Comment Period End.	08/23/21	
EEO Public Notice Reply Comment Period End.	09/10/21	
Second FNPRM ..	03/18/22	87 FR 25181
Second Further NPRM Comment Period End.	06/27/22	
Second Further NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	08/26/22	
4th Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling.	01/11/24	89 FR 2151
4th Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, Erratum.	01/12/24	89 FR 1859
Public Notice .....	01/29/24	89 FR 5439
Public Notice Comment Period End.	02/13/24	
Public Notice Reply Comment Period End.	02/23/24	
Public Notice .....	02/29/24	89 FR 14797
Public Notice Comment Period End.	03/15/24	
Public Notice Reply Comment Period End.	03/25/24	
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for which the numbers are being requested. The Commission has interpreted this rule as requiring evidence of either a State certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) or a Commission license. Neither authorization is typically available in practice to interconnected VoIP providers. Thus, as a practical matter, generally only telecommunications carriers are able to provide the proof of authorization required under our rules, and thus able to obtain numbers directly from the numbering administrators. This Order establishes an authorization process to enable interconnected VoIP providers that choose direct access to request numbers directly from the numbering administrators. Next, the Order sets forth several conditions designed to minimize number exhaust and preserve the integrity of the numbering system.

The Order requires interconnected VoIP providers obtaining numbers to comply with the same requirements applicable to carriers seeking to obtain numbers. These requirements include any State requirements pursuant to numbering authority delegated to the States by the Commission, as well as industry guidelines and practices, among others. The Order also requires interconnected VoIP providers to comply with facilities readiness requirements adapted to this context, and with numbering utilization and optimization requirements. As conditions to requesting and obtaining numbers directly from the numbering administrators, interconnected VoIP providers are also required 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.

The Order also modifies Commission's rules in order to permit VoIP Positioning Center (VPC) providers to obtain pseudo-Automatic Number Identification (p-ANI) codes directly from the numbering administrators for purposes of providing E911 services.

Based on experiences and review of the direct access authorization process established by the 2015 Order, the Commission adopted a FNPRM which proposes clarifications and revisions to the Commission's rules to better ensure

that interconnected VoIP providers that obtain direct access authorization to not facilitate illegal robocalls, spoofing, or fraud, pose national security risks, or evade or abuse intercarrier compensation requirements. The FNPRM proposes to require additional certifications as part of the direct access authorization applications process, that would include certification of compliance with anti-robocalling obligations. The FNPRM also proposes to clarify that applicants disclose foreign ownership information on their direct access application. It would also propose to generally refer those applications with 10% or greater foreign ownership to the Executive Branch agencies for their review, consistent with the Commission's referral of other types of applications. The FNPRM also propose to clarify that holders of a direct access authorization must update the Commission and applicable states within 30 days of changes to ownership information submitted to the Commission. The FNPRM further proposes to clarify that Commission staff retain the authority to determine when to accept filings as complete and proposes to direct Commission staff to reject an application if an applicant has engaged in behavior contrary to the public interest or has been found to originate or transmit illegal robocalls. Finally, the FNPRM seeks comment on whether to expand the direct access authorization to one-way VoIP providers or other entities that use numbering resources.

In 2023, the Commission established by Second Report and Order modifications to and clarifications of the direct access authorization rules to reduce access to telephone numbers by potential perpetrators of illegal robocalls. Such changes include certifications to be made by applicants affirming compliance with the Commission's preexisting requirements concerning STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication and Robocall Mitigation Database filings.

The Order also adopts important guardrails to protect national security, law enforcement, and numbering resources. These changes include foreign ownership and control disclosures, certification of compliance with State numbering requirements, certification of compliance with the Commission's rules pertaining to access arbitrage, and ensuring the accuracy of application contents upon application as well as after the authorization is granted.

The Order also codifies Bureau staff review, rejection, and authorization revocation matters.

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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**346. Numbering Policies for Modern Communications, WC Docket No. 13-97 [3060-AK36]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 153 to 154; 47 U.S.C. 201 to 205; 47 U.S.C. 251; 47 U.S.C. 303(r)

*Abstract:* This Order establishes a process to authorize interconnected VoIP providers to obtain North American Numbering Plan (NANP) telephone numbers directly from the numbering administrators, rather than through intermediaries. Section 52.15(g)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules limits access to telephone numbers to entities that demonstrate they are authorized to provide service in the area

The item also includes an FNPRM which proposes a 30-day deadline for existing authorization holders to comply with rule changes. The FNPRM also proposes a delegation of authority to the Numbering Administrator via public notice to suspend all pending and future requests for numbers if the new information submitted by an existing authorization holder indicates a material change or raises a public interest concern. The FNPRM further proposes that authorization holders continue to use numbers pending Bureau investigation.

The Second FNPRM also proposes that new applicants be required to disclose initial service area where numbers will be used. The FNPRM also proposes that authorizations holders that sell or lease numbers be required to obtain the direct access certification requirements from the indirect access recipients, retain copies, and file with the Commission a list of the indirect access recipients. The FNPRM also seeks comment on enforcement actions that the Commission could take against applicants and authorization holders for violation of the direct access authorization rules.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/19/13	78 FR 36725
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/19/13	
R&O .....	10/29/15	80 FR 66454
FNPRM (Release Date).	08/06/21	86 FR 51081
FNPRM (Comment Period End).	10/14/21	86 FR 51081
Second FNPRM ..	10/30/23	88 FR 74098
Second Report and Order.	11/20/23	88 FR 80617
Second FNPRM Comment Period Ends.	11/29/23	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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**347. Implementation of the Universal Service Portions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act [3060-AK57]**

*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 July 21, 2023, the Commission released an NPRM and Order taking steps to further enhance Tribal applicants' access to the E-Rate program to encourage greater Tribal participation in the program

On July 24, 2023, the Commission adopted plan to bring reliable broadband to rural communities.

On October 20, 2023, the Commission kicked off rulemaking to explore innovative ways to continue to address Alaska's unique connectivity challenges.

On November 8, 2023, the Commission proposed to permit eligible schools and libraries to receive E-Rate support for Wi-Fi hotspots and wireless internet services that can be used off-premises.

On November 13, 2023, the Commission proposed a three-year pilot program within the Universal Service Fund (USF) to provide up to \$200 million available to support cybersecurity and advanced firewall services for eligible schools and libraries.

On December 14, 2023, the Commission adopted rules for further

improvements to Rural Health Care Program.

On December 27, 2023, the Commission deferred the commencement of the next five-year deployment obligation term for legacy rate-of-return carriers receiving Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support (CAF BLS) in 2024 until January 1, 2025.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
R&O and FNPRM	01/13/17	82 FR 4275
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/13/17	
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
Public Notice .....	03/22/21	86 FR 15172
Report & Order on Recon.	04/09/21	86 FR 18459
R&O .....	05/28/21	86 FR 29136
2nd R&O .....	07/14/21	86 FR 37061
Public Notice .....	08/02/21	86 FR 41408
NPRM .....	10/14/21	86 FR 57097
Order .....	12/14/21	86 FR 70983
NPRM .....	01/27/22	87 FR 4182
FNPRM .....	03/15/22	87 FR 14422
NPRM .....	06/16/22	87 FR 36283
NPRM .....	06/23/22	87 FR 37459
2nd R&O .....	09/06/22	87 FR 54311
3rd R&O .....	09/06/22	87 FR 54401
Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.	11/19/22	87 FR 67660
Public Notice .....	01/06/23	88 FR 1035
NPRM .....	03/13/23	88 FR 14529
Public Notice .....	04/11/23	88 FR 21580
Report and Order on Review.	05/05/23	88 FR 28993
Order .....	06/05/23	88 FR 36510
Report and Order, NPRM, and NOI.	08/18/23	88 FR 56579
Report and Order, NPRM, and NOI.	08/23/23	88 FR 57383
Report and Order, and FNPRM.	11/13/23	88 FR 77522
Report and Order, and NPRM.	11/17/23	88 FR 80238
NPRM .....	12/07/23	88 FR 85157
NPRM .....	12/09/23	88 FR 90141

Action	Date	FR Cite
3rd Report and Order.	01/11/24	89 FR 1834
Report and Order	01/31/24	89 FR 6021
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**348. Toll Free Assignment Modernization and Toll-Free Service Access Codes: WC Docket No. 17-192, CC Docket No. 95-155 [3060-AK91]**

*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.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK91

**349. Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; WC Docket Nos. 19-195 and 11-10 [3060-AK93]**

*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:* The Commission has long recognized that precise, granular data on the availability of fixed and mobile broadband are vital to bringing digital opportunity to all Americans, no matter where they live, work, or travel.

On March 23, 2020, the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act (Broadband DATA Act) was signed into law requiring the Commission to create a new set of broadband availability maps. Among other things, the Broadband DATA Act requires the Commission to collect standardized, granular data on the availability and quality of both fixed and mobile broadband internet access services, to create a common dataset of all locations where fixed broadband internet access service can be installed (the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric or Fabric), and to create publicly available coverage maps. The Act further requires the Commission to establish processes for members of the public and other entities to (1) provide verified data for use in the coverage maps; (2) challenge the coverage maps, the broadband availability data submitted by broadband internet access service providers (providers), and the Fabric; and (3) submit specific crowdsourcing information about the development and availability of broadband service.

In July 2020, implementing the Broadband DATA Act and building off of an August 2019 Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that adopted rules for the collection and verification of improved, more precise data on both fixed and mobile broadband availability. In January 2021, the Commission adopted a Third Report and Order establishing new requirements for the BDC and took additional steps to implement the Broadband DATA Act. The Third Report and Order adopted rules to specify which fixed and mobile providers are required to report broadband availability data and expanded the reporting and certification requirements for filing data in the BDC.

It also adopted standards for collecting verified broadband data from State, local, and Tribal governmental entities and certain third parties, and for identifying locations that would be included in the Fabric. Importantly, the Commission also established processes for verifying the accuracy of provider submitted data and the Fabric, including challenge processes which invite input from the public and other stakeholders in order to improve the accuracy of the maps.

To implement the Broadband DATA Act and these new rules, the Commission created a new data platform and system to collect and map availability data collected from over 2,500 providers and for consumers and other stakeholders to submit challenges to that data; created a Fabric dataset of locations upon which to overlay provider availability data; and established a dedicated help center to provide technical assistance to providers, consumers, and other stakeholders.

In July 2021, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA), and Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) released a Public Notice seeking comment on the technical requirements for the mobile challenge, verification, and crowdsourcing processes required under the Broadband DATA Act for the new Broadband Data Collection (BDC). In March 2022, the Broadband Data Task Force (Task Force), WTB, OEA, and OET released a detailed order, technical appendix, rules, and technical data specifications setting forth technical requirements and specifications for the mobile challenge, verification, and crowdsourcing processes required by the Act.

To clarify the Commission's rules for filing data in the BDC, in July 2022, WCB, WTB, OEA, and the Task Force issued a Declaratory Ruling on certain aspects of a rule regarding the engineering certification in BDC filings and issued a limited waiver of the requirement that providers have an engineer certification their biannual BDC filings for the first three filing cycles of the BDC. The Task Force adopted an Order in November 2023 to extend the waiver, with new conditions, for an additional three filing periods. In addition, staff worked closely with ISPs to ensure that they were equipped with the technical information and training to participate in the BDC's complex data collection by effectively and accurately reporting where they do, and do not, offer internet services. FCC staff and its contractors made phone calls and sent

a series of emails to every ISP that previously filed Form 477 data to remind them of their obligation to file data by September 1, 2022—the initial filing deadline—and to make them aware of the many technical assistance resources that the FCC has made available, including filing instructions, FAQs, knowledge base articles, web tutorials, filing workshops, and a dedicated BDC Help Center offering both Tier 1 and Tier 2 support to entities seeking to file availability data or challenges including GIS support. Additionally, FCC staff has attended numerous conferences, ex parte meetings, and conference calls with individual providers and industry organizations.

In November 2022, the Commission released a pre-production draft of its new National Broadband Map displaying version 1 of the Fabric overlaid with provider reported availability data as of June 30, 2022. The new map is the most comprehensive, granular, and standardized data the Commission has ever published on broadband availability. This date also marked the beginning of the BDC processes by which consumers, governmental entities, and other third parties can file bulk and individual challenges to the fixed and mobile availability data and the Fabric data. Updates to the National Broadband Map are iterative and ongoing. The challenge processes will also continue on an ongoing basis in order to allow the public to provide input and help improve the accuracy of the National Broadband Map.

State, local, and Tribal governmental entities are encouraged to participate in the bulk challenge and crowdsource processes where the location or availability data on the map appeared imprecise. To assist with this process, staff have hosted technical assistance workshops and video tutorials to assist parties seeking to file challenges to the Fabric and fixed and mobile availability data. Additionally, the Task Force has released video tutorials and knowledge base articles to assist fixed and mobile providers with responding to challenges.

In December 2022, the Commission adopted an Order, to sunset the Form 477 broadband deployment data collection and eliminate a largely duplicative requirement on providers. As a result, providers will no longer be required to submit Form 477 broadband deployment data, but must still submit broadband and voice subscription data using the FCC Form 477. To further streamline the FCC's data collection efforts the BDC system allows filers to

submit both their BDC data and 477 subscription data as a combined filing using a single interface.

*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	86 FR 18124
Public Notice .....	07/16/21	86 FR 40398
Public Notice Comment Period End.	09/27/21	
Order .....	03/09/22	87 FR 21476
Order .....	12/16/22	87 FR 76949
Order .....	11/30/23	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

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**350. Call Authentication Trust Anchor [3060-AL00]**

*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 where by 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 May 20, 2021, the Commission released a Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to shorten the small provider extension from two years to one for a

subset of small voice service providers that are at a heightened risk of originating an especially large amount of robocall traffic.

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. On August 5, 2021, the Commission adopted a Third Report and Order which adopted rules creating this oversight role.

On September 30, 2021, the Commission adopted a Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to require gateway providers to apply STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication to, and perform robocall mitigation on, foreign-originated calls with U.S. numbers, seeking comment on revisions to the information that filers must submit to the Robocall Mitigation Database, and clarifying the obligations of voice service providers and intermediate providers with respect to calls to and from Public Safety Answer Points and other emergency services providers.

On December 9, 2021, the Commission adopted a Fourth Report and Order adopting rules requiring non-facilities based small voice providers implement SITR/SHAKEN by June 30, 2022, and requiring small voice providers of any kind suspected of originating illegal robocalls to implement STIR/SHAKEN on an accelerated timeline.

On May 19, 2022, the Commission adopted a Fifth Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, Order, and Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The Fifth Report and Order and Order required gateway providers to submit a certification to the Robocall Mitigation Database, implement STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication as well as several other requirements, including an obligation to mitigate illegal robocall traffic and submit a mitigation plan to the Robocall Mitigation Database regardless of their STIR/SHAKEN implementation status. The Order on Reconsideration expanded the obligation of domestic providers to block calls carrying US NANP numbers from foreign providers not listed in the Robocall Mitigation Database. The Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking sought comment on further steps to combat illegal robocalls, including extending requirements for authentication and filing in the Robocall Mitigation Database, requiring

additional measures for robocall mitigation, enhancing enforcement mechanisms and other related issues aimed at closing existing potential loopholes.

On March 16, 2023, the Commission adopted a Sixth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The Sixth Report and Order required intermediate providers to implement STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication for certain calls, expanded robocall mitigation requirements for all providers, and adopted more robust enforcement tools. The Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeks comment on additional measures to combat illegal robocalls, including whether any changes should be made to the Commission’s rules to permit, prohibit, or limit the use of third-party caller ID authentication solutions and whether to eliminate the STIR/SHAKEN implementation extension for providers that cannot obtain Service Provider Code tokens, which are necessary to participate in the STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication framework”.

On May 18, 2023, the Commission adopted a Seventh Report and Order. The Seventh Report and Order required voice service providers and non-gateway intermediate providers to commit in their Robocall Mitigation Database certification to respond to traceback requests from the Commission, law enforcement, and the industry traceback consortium within 24 hours.

*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	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	
3rd FNPRM .....	05/20/21	86 FR 30571
3rd R&O .....	08/05/21	86 FR 48511
3rd FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/19/21	
4th FNPRM .....	10/01/21	86 FR 59084
4th FNPRM Comment Period End.	11/26/21	
4th R&O .....	12/09/21	

Action	Date	FR Cite
5th R&O, Order on Reconsideration.	05/19/22	87 FR 42916
5th FNPRM .....	05/19/22	87 FR 42670
5th FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/16/22	
6th Report and Order.	03/16/23	88 FR 40096
6th FNPRM .....	03/16/23	88 FR 29035
6th FNPRM Comment Period End.	07/05/23	
7th Report and Order.	05/18/23	88 FR 43446
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

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### 351. Implementation of the National Suicide Improvement Act of 2018, 988 Suicide Prevention Hotline (WC Docket 18-336, PS Docket No. 23.5, PS Docket No. 15-80) [3060-AL01]

*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). Public Law 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.

On October 17, 2020, Congress enacted the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 (2020 Act). Public Law 116-172, 134 Stat. 832 (2020). The 2020 Act, among other things, designates 988 as the universal telephone number within the United States for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline," with designation occurring one year after enactment.

On November 9, 2020, pursuant to 2020 Act's requirements that the Commission submit a report on the feasibility and cost of attaching an

automatic dispatchable location with 988 calls, the Commission issued a Public Notice that sought comment on these issues.

On April 22, 2021, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) that proposes to require text service providers support text messages to 988 by routing texts to the toll free number.

On November 19, 2020, pursuant to 2020 Act's requirements that the Commission submit a report on the feasibility and cost of attaching an automatic dispatchable location with 988 calls, the Commission issued a Public Notice that sought comment on these issues. A Report to Congress regarding geolocation was released on April 15, 2021.

On April 22, 2021, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) that proposes to require text service providers support text messages to 988 by routing texts to the toll free number. On November 19, 2021, the Commission adopted an Order requiring the industry to enable texting to 988 by the same deadline as for voice calls, July 16, 2022.

On May 24, 2022, the Commission, following up on its report to Congress, hosted a forum in coordination with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that convened various stakeholders to discuss issues surrounding geolocation. Participants included state and local entities; suicide prevention and mental health experts and advocates; communications industry leaders; and technical experts. The Commission opened the event to the public via live feed on the Commission's website, and audience members submitted questions to panelists by email.

On October 14, 2022, in accordance with the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020, the Wireline Competition Bureau submitted its first 988 Fee Accountability Report to Congress reporting on the collection and distribution of 988 fees and charges by the states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and Tribal authorities for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

On January 26, 2023, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to help ensure that the public has access to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline if a service outage occurs. Those rules were adopted on July 20, 2023.

On October 17, 2023, in accordance with the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020, the Wireline Competition Bureau submitted its

second 988 Fee Accountability Report to Congress reporting on the collection and distribution of 988 fees and charges by the states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and Tribal authorities for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

On October 30, 2023, the Commission released an Erratum amending Appendix A of the July 2023 Report and Order.

*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	
Public Notice .....	12/08/20	85 FR 79014
Replies Due .....	12/14/20	
Public Notice Comment Period End.	01/11/21	
FNPRM .....	06/11/21	86 FR 31404
FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/10/21	
Report & Order ...	11/19/21	
NPRM .....	01/27/23	88 FR 20790
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/08/23	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	06/06/23	
Report and Order Erratum .....	07/21/23 10/23/23	88 FR 2503
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

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**352. Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an ERA of Next-Generation Networks and Services [3060-AL02]**

*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
Petition for Reconsideration filed by Sonic Telecom.	09/29/22	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Replies to Oppositions to Petition for Reconsideration.	10/04/22	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

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**353. Establishing a 5G Fund for Rural America; GN Docket No. 20-32 [3060-AL15]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 254; 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 403

*Abstract:* The 5G Fund for Rural America will distribute up to \$9 billion in universal service support through competitive bidding in two phases to bring mobile voice and 5G broadband service to rural areas of the country. 5G public interest obligations and performance requirements imposed on carriers continuing to receive legacy mobile high-cost support will help ensure that the areas they serve enjoy the benefits that 5G promises.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	05/26/20	85 FR 31616
Final Action .....	11/25/20	85 FR 75770
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

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**354. Protecting Consumers From SIM Swap and Port-Out Fraud, WC Docket No. 21-341 [3060-AL34]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 201, 222, 251, 303(r), 332

*Abstract:* The Commission revised its Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) and Local Number Portability (LNP) rules to require wireless providers to adopt secure methods of authenticating a customer



before redirecting a customer’s phone number to a new device or provider. The Commission also required wireless providers to immediately notify customers whenever a SIM change or port-out request is made on customers’ accounts, and take additional steps to protect customers from SIM swap and port-out fraud. In a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission sought comment on whether to harmonize the existing requirements governing customer access to CPNI with the SIM change authentication and protection measures, and on what steps the Commission can take to harmonize government efforts to address SIM swap and port-out fraud.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/15/21	86 FR 57390
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/15/21	
Report and Order	12/18/23	88 FR 85794
FNPRM .....	12/14/23	88 FR 86614
FNPRM Comment Period End.	01/16/24	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	02/12/24	
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*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

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**355. Supporting Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence (WC Docket No. 22-238,11-42, 21-450) [3060-AL48]**

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151.201(b); 47 U.S.C. 301 and 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 and 309; 47 U.S.C. 316 and 345; 47 U.S.C. 403 and sec. 5(b); Pub. L. 117-223 and 136 Stat. 2280

*Abstract:* On July 14, 2022, the Commission initiated an inquiry into steps that the Commission could take to assist survivors of domestic violence. In the Notice of Inquiry, the Commission sought information on the scope of connectivity-based difficulties survivors face, as well as potential means by which current Commission programs could be better adapted and new programs could be developed to address survivors’ needs. In particular, the Commission sought comment relating to potentially developing a centralized database of telephone numbers relating to domestic abuse support that could be

used by service providers to prevent survivors’ communications with support organizations from appearing on logs of calls and text messages that may be available to abusers.

In the NPRM, the Commission begins the process of implementing the Safe Connections Act of 2022 (Safe Connections Act), enacted on December 7, 2022. The legislation amends the Communications Act of 1934 (Communications Act) to require mobile service providers to separate the line of a survivor of domestic violence (and other related crimes and abuse), and any individuals in the care of the survivor, from a mobile service contract shared with an abuser within two business days after receiving a request from the survivor. The Safe Connections Act also directs the Commission to issue rules, within 18 months of the statute’s enactment, implementing the line separation requirement. Further, the legislation also requires the Commission to open a rulemaking within 180 days of enactment to consider whether to, and how the Commission should, establish a central database of domestic abuse hotlines to be used by service providers and require such providers to omit, subject to certain conditions, any records of calls or text messages to the hotlines from consumer-facing call and text message logs. The NPRM proposes rules as directed by these statutory requirements.

On November 16, 2023, the Commission released a Report and Order. The rules largely track the statutory language, with key additions and clarifications to address privacy, account security, fraud detection, and operational or technical infeasibility. Among other things, the Commission established requirements regarding the information that survivors must submit to request a line separation and the options providers must offer to survivors making a line separation request. The Commission also adopted requirements regarding communications with consumers and survivors and restrictions on various practices in connection with line separation requests. In addition, the Commission required covered providers to train employees who may interact with survivors on how to assist them or direct them to other employees who have received such training. The Commission also delineated the financial responsibilities for monthly service costs and mobile device following a line separation, and established a compliance date of July 14, 2024, six months after the effective date of the *Report and Order*. Further, the Commission designated the Lifeline

program to support emergency communications service for survivors that have pursued the line separation process and are suffering a financial hardship. The Commission directed USAC to develop processes to allow survivors experiencing financial hardship to apply for and enroll in the Lifeline program, and to transition survivors from emergency communications support at the end of the six-month emergency support period mandated by the Safe Connections Act. [1] With regard to protecting the privacy of calls and text messages to domestic violence hotlines, the Commission required covered providers and wireline, fixed wireless, and fixed satellite providers of voice service to: (1) omit from consumer-facing logs of calls and text messages any records of calls or text messages to covered hotlines in the central database established by the Commission; and (2) maintain internal records of calls and text messages excluded from consumer-facing logs of calls and text messages. Providers were generally given 12 months to comply with these requirements, except that small service providers were given 18 months.

[1] *Id.* at paras. 167–73. In addition to these provisions, the Commission also considered matters relating to protecting the privacy of calls and text messages to domestic violence hotlines. In the *Safe Connections Report and Order*, the Commission required covered providers and wireline, fixed wireless, and fixed satellite providers of voice service to: (1) omit from consumer-facing logs of calls and text messages any records of calls or text messages to covered hotlines in the central database established by the Commission; and (2) maintain internal records of calls and text messages excluded from consumer-facing logs of calls and text messages. *Id.* at 59–76, paras. 105–49. Providers were generally given 12 months to comply with these requirements, except that small service providers were given 18 months. *Id.* at 70–74, paras. 137–44.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NOI .....	08/18/22	
Comment Period End.	08/18/22	
Reply Comment Period End.	09/19/22	
NPRM .....	02/17/23	88 FR 15558
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/10/23	
Reply Comment Period End.	05/10/23	
Report and Order	11/16/23	88 FR 84406

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