

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Ch. I**

**Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions—Fall 2018**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

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

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

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

The following terms may be helpful in understanding the status of the proceedings included in this report:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.*

**CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU—PROPOSED RULE STAGE**

| Sequence No. | Title                                                                                                                                               | Regulation Identifier No. |
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| 444 .....    | Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services; CG Docket No. 13-24. | 3060-AK01                 |

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

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| 446 .....    | Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) of 1991 (CG Docket No. 02-278).                                         | 3060-AI14                 |
| 447 .....    | Closed-Captioning of Video Programming; CG Docket Nos. 05-231 and 06-181 ( <b>Section 610 Review</b> ) ...                                              | 3060-AI72                 |
| 448 .....    | Empowering Consumers to Prevent and Detect Billing for Unauthorized Charges (“Cramming”) (CC Docket No. 98-170; CG Docket Nos. 09-158, 11-116, 17-169). | 3060-AJ72                 |
| 449 .....    | Transition From TTY to Real-Time Text Technology (GN Docket No. 15-178; CG Docket No. 1645) .....                                                       | 3060-AK58                 |
| 450 .....    | Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls (CG Docket No. 17-59) .....                                                                 | 3060-AK62                 |

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

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| 451 .....    | Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands (ET Docket No. 04–186) .....                                                                        | 3060–AI52                 |
| 452 .....    | Fixed and Mobile Services in the Mobile Satellite Service (ET Docket No. 10–142) .....                                                             | 3060–AJ46                 |
| 453 .....    | Federal Earth Stations—Non-Federal Fixed Satellite Service Space Stations; Spectrum for Non-Federal Space Launch Operations; ET Docket No. 13–115. | 3060–AK09                 |
| 454 .....    | Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment; ET Docket No. 13–44 .....                                                                               | 3060–AK10                 |
| 455 .....    | Spectrum Access for Wireless Microphone Operations (GN Docket Nos. 14–166 and 12–268) .....                                                        | 3060–AK30                 |

## INTERNATIONAL BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

| Sequence No. | Title                                                                                                                            | Regulation Identifier No. |
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| 456 .....    | International Settlements Policy Reform (IB Docket No. 11–80) .....                                                              | 3060–AJ77                 |
| 457 .....    | Comprehensive Review of Licensing and Operating Rules for Satellite Services (IB Docket No. 12–267) ..                           | 3060–AJ98                 |
| 458 .....    | Update to Parts 2 and 25 Concerning NonGeostationary, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems and Related Matters; IB Docket No. 16–408. | 3060–AK59                 |

## MEDIA BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

| Sequence No. | Title                                                                                                                                                                                     | Regulation Identifier No. |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 459 .....    | Broadcast Ownership Rules .....                                                                                                                                                           | 3060–AH97                 |
| 460 .....    | Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcast Services (MB Docket Nos. 07–294 and 17–289)                                                                                       | 3060–AJ27                 |
| 461 .....    | Closed Captioning of Internet Protocol-Delivered Video Programming: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (MB Docket No. 11–154). | 3060–AJ67                 |
| 462 .....    | Authorizing Permissive Use of the “Next Generation” Broadcast Television Standard (GN Docket No. 16–142).                                                                                 | 3060–AK56                 |
| 463 .....    | FCC Form 325 Data Collection (MB Docket No. 17–290) .....                                                                                                                                 | 3060–AK69                 |
| 464 .....    | Electronic Delivery of MVPD Communications (MB Docket No. 17–317) .....                                                                                                                   | 3060–AK70                 |
| 465 .....    | Filing of Paper Broadcast Contracts (MB Docket No. 18–4) .....                                                                                                                            | 3060–AK71                 |

## OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

| Sequence No. | Title                                              | Regulation Identifier No. |
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| 466 .....    | Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees ..... | 3060–AK64                 |

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

| Sequence No. | Title                                                                                                                                         | Regulation Identifier No. |
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| 467 .....    | Enhanced 911 Services for Wireline and Multi-Line Telephone Systems; PS Docket Nos. 10–255 and 07–114.                                        | 3060–AG60                 |
| 468 .....    | Commission Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications (PS Docket No. 11–82) .....                                                         | 3060–AI22                 |
| 469 .....    | Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements; PS Docket No. 07–114 .....                                                                      | 3060–AJ52                 |
| 470 .....    | Proposed Amendments to Service Rules Governing Public Safety Narrowband Operations in the 769–775 and 799–805 MHz Bands; PS Docket No. 13–87. | 3060–AK19                 |
| 471 .....    | Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhancing Submarine Cable Outage Data; GN Docket No. 15–206.                              | 3060–AK39                 |
| 472 .....    | Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; PS Docket No. 15–80.                                 | 3060–AK40                 |
| 473 .....    | New Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; ET Docket No. 04–35                                            | 3060–AK41                 |
| 474 .....    | Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA); PS Docket No. 15–91 .....                                                                                    | 3060–AK54                 |
| 475 .....    | Blue Alert EAS Event Code .....                                                                                                               | 3060–AK63                 |

## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

| Sequence No. | Title                                                                                                          | Regulation Identifier No. |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 476 .....    | Review of Part 87 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Aviation (WT Docket No. 01–289) .....                   | 3060–AI35                 |
| 477 .....    | Amendment of Part 101 of the Commission’s Rules for Microwave Use and Broadcast Auxiliary Service Flexibility. | 3060–AJ47                 |
| 478 .....    | Universal Service Reform Mobility Fund (WT Docket No. 10–208) .....                                            | 3060–AJ58                 |

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS—Continued

| Sequence No. | Title                                                                                                                                                                                 | Regulation Identifier No. |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 479          | Fixed and Mobile Services in the Mobile Satellite Service Bands at 1525–1559 MHz and 1626.5–1660.5 MHz, 1610–1626.5 MHz and 2483.5–2500 MHz, and 2000–2020 MHz and 2180–2200 MHz.     | 3060–AJ59                 |
| 480          | Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions (GN Docket No. 12–268).                                                                    | 3060–AJ82                 |
| 481          | Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 Related to the 1915–1920 MHz and 1995–2000 MHz Bands (WT Docket No. 12–357). | 3060–AJ86                 |
| 482          | 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                 |
| 483          | Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Wireless Contraband Device Use in Correctional Facilities; GN Docket No. 13–111.                                                          | 3060–AK06                 |
| 484          | Promoting Investment in the 3550–3700 MHz Band; GN Docket No. 17–258                                                                                                                  | 3060–AK12                 |
| 485          | 800 MHz Cellular Telecommunications Licensing Reform; Docket No. 12–40                                                                                                                | 3060–AK13                 |
| 486          | Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules (WT Docket No. 14–170)                                                                                                                      | 3060–AK28                 |
| 487          | Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Services—Spectrum Frontiers; WT Docket 10–112                                                                                           | 3060–AK44                 |
| 488          | Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band                                                                                                                                                         | 3060–AK75                 |

WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

| Sequence No. | Title                                                                                                                                                                              | Regulation Identifier No. |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 489          | Telecommunications Carriers’ Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information (CC Docket no. 96–115).                                                | 3060–AG43                 |
| 490          | Numbering Resource Optimization                                                                                                                                                    | 3060–AH80                 |
| 491          | Jurisdictional Separations                                                                                                                                                         | 3060–AJ06                 |
| 492          | Development of Nationwide Broadband Data to Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans.                                                       | 3060–AJ15                 |
| 493          | Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements (WC Docket No. 07–244)                                                                                       | 3060–AJ32                 |
| 494          | Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future (WC Docket No. 07–245, GN Docket No. 09–51).                                                    | 3060–AJ64                 |
| 495          | Rural Call Completion; WC Docket No. 13–39                                                                                                                                         | 3060–AJ89                 |
| 496          | Rates for Inmate Calling Services; WC Docket No. 12–375                                                                                                                            | 3060–AK08                 |
| 497          | Comprehensive Review of the Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts (WC Docket No. 14–130)                                                                                              | 3060–AK20                 |
| 498          | Restoring Internet Freedom (WC Docket No. 17–108); Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet (GN Docket No. 14–28).                                                               | 3060–AK21                 |
| 499          | 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                 |
| 500          | Modernizing Common Carrier Rules, WC Docket No 15–33                                                                                                                               | 3060–AK33                 |
| 501          | Numbering Policies for Modern Communications, WC Docket No. 13–97                                                                                                                  | 3060–AK36                 |
| 502          | Implementation of the Universal Service Portions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act                                                                                                | 3060–AK57                 |

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau*

Proposed Rule Stage

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 |

| Action                                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 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 |

| Action                                      | Date     | FR Cite     | Action                                             | Date     | FR Cite     | Action                                       | Date     | FR Cite     |
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| Clarification .....                         | 08/23/06 | 71 FR 49380 | FNPRM .....                                        | 09/03/13 | 78 FR 54201 | Announcement of Effective Date.              | 10/17/17 | 82 FR 48203 |
| FNPRM .....                                 | 09/13/06 | 71 FR 54009 | NPRM .....                                         | 10/23/13 | 78 FR 63152 | Public Notice; Petition for Reconsideration. | 10/25/17 | 82 FR 49303 |
| Final Rule; Clarification.                  | 02/14/07 | 72 FR 6960  | FNPRM Comment Period End.                          | 11/18/13 |             | Oppositions Due Date.                        | 11/20/17 |             |
| Order .....                                 | 03/14/07 | 72 FR 11789 | Petition for Reconsideration; Request for Comment. | 12/16/13 | 78 FR 76096 | R&O and Declaratory Ruling.                  | 06/27/18 | 83 FR 30082 |
| R&O .....                                   | 08/06/07 | 72 FR 43546 | Petition for Reconsideration; Request for Comment. | 12/16/13 | 78 FR 76097 | FNPRM .....                                  | 07/18/18 | 83 FR 33899 |
| Public Notice .....                         | 08/16/07 | 72 FR 46060 | Request for Clarification; Request for Comment.    | 12/30/13 | 78 FR 79362 | FNPRM Comment Period End.                    | 11/15/18 |             |
| Order .....                                 | 11/01/07 | 72 FR 61813 | Request for Clarification; Request for Comment.    |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 01/04/08 | 73 FR 863   | Petition for Reconsideration                       | 01/10/14 |             |                                              |          |             |
| R&O/Declaratory Ruling.                     | 01/17/08 | 73 FR 3197  | Comment Period End.                                |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 02/19/08 | 73 FR 9031  | NPRM Comment Period End.                           | 01/21/14 |             |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 04/21/08 | 73 FR 21347 | Announcement of Effective Date.                    | 07/11/14 | 79 FR 40003 |                                              |          |             |
| R&O .....                                   | 04/21/08 | 73 FR 21252 | Announcement of Effective Date.                    | 08/28/14 | 79 FR 51446 |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 04/23/08 | 73 FR 21843 | Correction—Announcement of Effective Date.         | 08/28/14 | 79 FR 51450 |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 04/30/08 | 73 FR 23361 | Technical Amendments.                              | 09/09/14 | 79 FR 53303 |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 05/15/08 | 73 FR 28057 | Public Notice .....                                | 09/15/14 | 79 FR 54979 |                                              |          |             |
| Declaratory Ruling                          | 07/08/08 | 73 FR 38928 | R&O and Order ...                                  | 10/21/14 | 79 FR 62875 |                                              |          |             |
| FNPRM .....                                 | 07/18/08 | 73 FR 41307 | FNPRM .....                                        | 10/21/14 | 79 FR 62935 |                                              |          |             |
| R&O .....                                   | 07/18/08 | 73 FR 41286 | FNPRM Comment Period End.                          | 12/22/14 |             |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 08/01/08 | 73 FR 45006 | Final Action (Announcement of Effective Date).     | 10/30/14 | 79 FR 64515 |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 08/05/08 | 73 FR 45354 | Final Rule Effective.                              | 10/30/14 |             |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 10/10/08 | 73 FR 60172 | FNPRM .....                                        | 11/08/15 | 80 FR 72029 |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 10/23/08 | 73 FR 63078 | FNPRM Comment Period End.                          | 01/01/16 |             |                                              |          |             |
| 2nd R&O and Order on Reconsideration.       | 12/30/08 | 73 FR 79683 | Public Notice .....                                | 01/20/16 | 81 FR 3085  |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 05/06/09 | 74 FR 20892 | Public Notice .....                                | 02/16/16 |             |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 05/07/09 | 74 FR 21364 | R&O .....                                          | 03/21/16 | 81 FR 14984 |                                              |          |             |
| NPRM .....                                  | 05/21/09 | 74 FR 23815 | FNPRM .....                                        | 08/24/16 | 81 FR 57851 |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 05/21/09 | 74 FR 23859 | FNPRM Comment Period End.                          | 09/14/16 |             |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 06/12/09 | 74 FR 28046 | NOI and FNPRM                                      | 04/12/17 | 82 FR 17613 |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 07/29/09 | 74 FR 37624 | NOI and FNPRM Comment Period End.                  | 05/30/17 |             |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 08/07/09 | 74 FR 39699 | R&O .....                                          | 04/13/17 | 82 FR 17754 |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 09/18/09 | 74 FR 47894 | R&O .....                                          | 04/27/17 | 82 FR 19322 |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 10/26/09 | 74 FR 54913 | FNPRM .....                                        | 04/27/17 | 82 FR 19347 |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 05/12/10 | 75 FR 26701 | FNPRM Comment Period End.                          | 07/11/17 |             |                                              |          |             |
| Order Denying Stay Motion (Release Date).   | 07/09/10 |             | Public Notice .....                                | 06/23/17 | 82 FR 28566 |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 08/13/10 | 75 FR 49491 | Public Notice .....                                | 07/21/17 | 82 FR 33856 |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 09/03/10 | 75 FR 54040 | Public Notice—Correction.                          | 07/25/17 | 82 FR 34471 |                                              |          |             |
| NPRM .....                                  | 11/02/10 | 75 FR 67333 | Public Notice .....                                | 07/31/17 |             |                                              |          |             |
| NPRM .....                                  | 05/02/11 | 76 FR 24442 | Comment Period End.                                | 08/17/17 |             |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 07/25/11 | 76 FR 44326 | Public Notice—Correction                           |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Final Rule (Order)                          | 09/27/11 | 76 FR 59551 | Public Notice .....                                |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date. | 11/22/11 | 76 FR 72124 | Public Notice .....                                |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Proposed Rule (Public Notice).              | 02/28/12 | 77 FR 11997 | Comment Period End.                                |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Proposed Rule (FNPRM).                      | 02/01/12 | 77 FR 4948  | R&O .....                                          |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| First R&O .....                             | 07/25/12 | 77 FR 43538 | FNPRM .....                                        |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Public Notice .....                         | 10/29/12 | 77 FR 65526 | NOI and FNPRM                                      |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Order on Reconsideration.                   | 12/26/12 | 77 FR 75894 | NOI and FNPRM Comment Period End.                  |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Order .....                                 | 02/05/13 | 78 FR 8030  | R&O .....                                          |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Order (Interim Rule).                       | 02/05/13 | 78 FR 8032  | R&O .....                                          |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| NPRM .....                                  | 02/05/13 | 78 FR 8090  | FNPRM .....                                        |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| Announcement of Effective Date.             | 03/07/13 | 78 FR 14701 | FNPRM Comment Period End.                          |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| NPRM Comment Period End.                    | 03/13/13 |             | Public Notice .....                                |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| FNPRM .....                                 | 07/05/13 | 78 FR 40407 | Public Notice—Correction.                          |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.                   | 09/18/13 |             | Public Notice .....                                |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| R&O .....                                   | 07/05/13 | 78 FR 40582 | Comment Period End.                                |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| R&O .....                                   | 08/15/13 | 78 FR 49693 | Public Notice—Correction                           |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| FNPRM .....                                 | 08/15/13 | 78 FR 49717 | Public Notice .....                                |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.                   | 09/30/13 |             | Comment Period End.                                |          |             |                                              |          |             |
| R&O .....                                   | 08/30/13 | 78 FR 53684 | R&O .....                                          |          |             |                                              |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060-A115

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

*Abstract:* The FCC initiated this proceeding in its effort to ensure that Internet-Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS) is available for eligible users only. In doing so, the FCC adopted rules to address certain practices related to the provision and marketing of IP CTS. 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 | 78FR 54201  |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.       | 11/18/13 |             |

| Action                                             | Date     | FR Cite     |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Petition for Re-consideration 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 |
| 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 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.                          | 11/15/18 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**445. Implementation of the Subscriber Selection Changes Provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (CC Docket No. 94–129, CG Docket No. 17–169)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 258

*Abstract:* Section 258 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, makes it unlawful for any telecommunications carrier to submit or execute a change in a subscriber’s selection of a provider of telecommunications exchange service or telephone toll service except in accordance with verification procedures that the Commission prescribes. Failure to comply with such procedures is known as “slamming.” In CC Docket No. 94–129 and CG Docket No. 17–169, the Commission implements and interprets section 258 by adopting rules, policies, and declaratory rulings.

*Timetable:*

| Action                                        | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| MO&O on Recon and FNPRM.                      | 08/14/97 | 62 FR 43493 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.                     | 09/30/97 |             |
| Second R&O and Second FNPRM.                  | 02/16/99 | 64 FR 7745  |
| First Order on Recon.                         | 04/13/00 | 65 FR 47678 |
| Third R&O and Second Order on Recon.          | 11/08/00 | 65 FR 66934 |
| Third FNPRM .....                             | 01/29/01 | 66 FR 8093  |
| Order .....                                   | 03/01/01 | 66 FR 12877 |
| First R&O and Fourth R&O.                     | 06/06/01 | 66 FR 30334 |
| Second FNPRM ..                               | 03/17/03 | 68 FR 19176 |
| Third Order on Recon.                         | 03/17/03 | 68 FR 19152 |
| Second FNPRM Comment Period End.              | 06/17/03 |             |
| First Order on Recon & Fourth Order on Recon. | 03/15/05 | 70 FR 12605 |
| Fifth Order on Recon.                         | 03/23/05 | 70 FR 14567 |
| Order .....                                   | 02/04/08 | 73 FR 6444  |
| Fourth R&O .....                              | 03/12/08 | 73 FR 13144 |
| NPRM .....                                    | 08/14/17 | 82 FR 37830 |
| R&O .....                                     | 07/17/18 | 83 FR 33140 |
| Next Action Undetermined.                     |          |             |

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 |

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

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**447. Closed-Captioning of Video Programming; CG Docket Nos. 05–231 and 06–181 (Section 610 Review)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

*Abstract:* The Commission’s closed-captioning rules are designed to make video programming more accessible to deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans. This proceeding has resolved issues regarding the quality of closed-captioning. Further action is required to resolve a petition that has been filed regarding video programmer registration and certification rules.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 02/03/97 | 62 FR 4959  |
| R&O .....                 | 09/16/97 | 62 FR 48487 |
| Order on Reconsideration. | 10/20/98 | 63 FR 55959 |

| Action                                         | Date     | FR Cite     |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM                                           | 09/26/05 | 70 FR 56150 |
| Order and Declaratory Ruling.                  | 01/13/09 | 74 FR 1594  |
| NPRM                                           | 01/13/09 | 74 FR 1654  |
| Final Rule Correction.                         | 09/11/09 | 74 FR 46703 |
| Final Rule (Announcement of Effective Date).   | 02/19/10 | 75 FR 7370  |
| Order                                          | 02/19/10 | 75 FR 7368  |
| Order Suspending Effective Date.               | 02/19/10 | 75 FR 7369  |
| Waiver Order                                   | 10/04/10 | 75 FR 61101 |
| Public Notice                                  | 11/17/10 | 75 FR 70168 |
| Interim Final Rule (Order).                    | 11/01/11 | 76 FR 67376 |
| Final Rule (MO&O).                             | 11/01/11 | 76 FR 67377 |
| NPRM                                           | 11/01/11 | 76 FR 67397 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.                       | 12/16/11 |             |
| Public Notice                                  | 05/04/12 | 77 FR 26550 |
| Public Notice                                  | 12/15/12 | 77 FR 72348 |
| Final Rule Effective.                          | 03/16/15 |             |
| FNPRM                                          | 03/27/14 | 79 FR 17094 |
| R&O                                            | 03/31/14 | 79 FR 17911 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.                      | 07/25/14 |             |
| Final Action (Announcement of Effective Date). | 12/29/14 | 79 FR 77916 |
| 2nd FNPRM Comment Period End.                  | 12/31/14 | 79 FR 78768 |
| 2nd R&O                                        | 08/23/16 | 81 FR 57473 |
| Announcement of Effective Date.                | 12/22/17 | 82 FR 60679 |
| Next Action Undetermined.                      |          |             |

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**448. Empowering Consumers To Prevent and Detect Billing for Unauthorized Charges (“Cramming”) (CC Docket No. 98-170; CG Docket Nos. 09-158, 11-116, 17-169).**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 332

*Abstract:* Cramming is the placement of unauthorized charges on a telephone bill, an unlawful practice under the Communications Act. In these dockets, the Commission considers rules and policies to help consumers detect and prevent cramming.

*Timetable:*

| Action                                | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM                                  | 08/23/11 | 76 FR 52625 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.              | 11/21/11 |             |
| Order (Extends Reply Comment Period). | 11/30/11 | 76 FR 74017 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.              | 12/05/11 |             |
| FNPRM                                 | 05/24/12 | 77 FR 30972 |
| R&O                                   | 05/24/12 | 77 FR 30915 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.             | 07/09/12 |             |
| Order (Extends Reply Comment Period). | 07/17/12 | 77 FR 41955 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.             | 07/20/12 |             |
| Announcement of Effective Dates.      | 10/26/12 | 77 FR 65230 |
| Correction of Final Rule.             | 11/30/12 | 77 FR 71354 |
| Correction of Final Rule.             | 11/30/12 | 77 FR 71353 |
| NPRM                                  | 08/14/17 | 82 FR 37830 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.              | 09/13/17 |             |
| R&O                                   | 07/17/18 | 83 FR 33140 |
| Next Action Undetermined.             |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**449. Transition From TTY to Real-Time Text Technology (GN Docket No. 15-178; CG Docket No. 1645)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 111-260, sec. 106; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 255; 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 316; 47 U.S.C. 403; 47 U.S.C. 615(c); 47 U.S.C. 616; 47 U.S.C. 617

*Abstract:* The Commission amended its rules to facilitate a transition from text telephone (TTY) technology to real-time text (RTT) as a reliable and interoperable universal text solution over wireless internet protocol (IP) enabled networks for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, or have a speech disability. RTT, which allows text characters to be sent as they are being created, can be sent simultaneously with voice, and permits the use of off-the-shelf end user devices to make text telephone calls. The Commission also sought comment on the application of RTT to telecommunications relay services

(TRS) and sought further comment on a sunset date for TTY support, as well as other matters pertaining to the deployment of RTT.

*Timetable:*

| Action                            | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM                              | 05/25/16 | 81 FR 33170 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.          | 07/25/16 |             |
| FNPRM                             | 01/23/17 | 82 FR 7766  |
| R&O                               | 01/23/17 | 82 FR 7699  |
| Public Notice                     | 03/16/17 | 82 FR 13972 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.         | 03/24/17 |             |
| Public Notice Comment Period End. | 04/10/17 |             |
| Announcement of Effective Date.   | 12/21/17 | 82 FR 60562 |
| Next Action Undetermined.         |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

| Action                                                           | Date     | FR Cite |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| 2nd FNPRM Comment Period End.                                    | 06/07/18 |         |
| 2nd FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.<br>Next Action Undetermined. | 07/09/18 |         |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Office of Engineering and Technology*

Long-Term Actions

**451. Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands (ET Docket No. 04-186)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 this 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 Reconsideration. | 04/13/09 | 74 FR 16870 |
| Second MO&O ....               | 12/06/10 | 75 FR 75814 |
| Petitions for Reconsideration. | 02/09/11 | 76 FR 7208  |
| 3rd MO&O and Order.            | 05/17/12 | 77 FR 28236 |
| Next Action Undetermined.      |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**452. Fixed and Mobile Services in the Mobile Satellite Service (ET Docket No. 10-142)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 301; 47 U.S.C. 303(c) and 303(f); 47 U.S.C. 303(r) and 303(y); 47 U.S.C. 310

*Abstract:* The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposed to take a number of actions to further the provision of terrestrial broadband services in the MSS bands. In the 2 GHz MSS band, the Commission proposed to add co-primary fixed and mobile allocations to the existing mobile-satellite allocation. This would lay the groundwork for providing additional flexibility in use of the 2 GHz spectrum in the future. The Commission also proposed to apply the terrestrial secondary market spectrum leasing rules and procedures to transactions involving terrestrial use of the MSS spectrum in the 2 GHz, Big LEO, and L-bands in order to create greater certainty and regulatory parity with bands licensed for terrestrial broadband service. The Commission also asked, in a notice of inquiry, about approaches for creating opportunities for full use of the 2 GHz band for standalone terrestrial uses. The Commission requested comment on ways to promote innovation and investment throughout the MSS bands while also ensuring market-wide mobile satellite capability to serve important needs like disaster recovery and rural access.

In the Report and Order, the Commission amended its rules to make additional spectrum available for new investment in mobile broadband networks while also ensuring that the United States maintains robust mobile satellite service capabilities. First, the Commission adds co-primary fixed and mobile allocations to the Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) 2 GHz band, consistent with the International Table of Allocations, allowing more flexible use of the band, including for terrestrial broadband services, in the future. Second, to create greater predictability and regulatory parity with the bands licensed for terrestrial mobile broadband service, the Commission extends its existing secondary market spectrum manager spectrum leasing policies, procedures, and rules that

currently apply to wireless terrestrial services to terrestrial services provided using the Ancillary Terrestrial Component (ATC) of an MSS system. Petitions for Reconsideration have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceeding concerning Fixed and Mobile Services in the Mobile Satellite Service Bands at 1525–1559 MHz and 1626.5–1660.5 MHz, 1610–1626.5 MHz and 2483.5–2500 MHz, and 2000–2020 MHz and 2180–2200 MHz, and published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). See 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules.

*Timetable:*

| Action                         | Date     | FR Cite     |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                     | 08/16/10 | 75 FR 49871 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.       | 09/15/10 |             |
| Reply Comment Period End.      | 09/30/10 |             |
| R&O .....                      | 05/31/11 | 76 FR 31252 |
| Petitions for Reconsideration. | 08/10/11 | 76 FR 49364 |
| Next Action Undetermined.      |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**453. Federal Earth Stations—Non-Federal Fixed Satellite Service Space Stations; Spectrum for Non-Federal Space Launch Operations; ET Docket No. 13–115**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 302(a); 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 336

*Abstract:* The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes to make spectrum allocation proposals for three different space-related purposes. The Commission makes two alternative proposals to modify the Allocation Table to provide interference protection for Fixed-Satellite Service (FSS) and Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS) earth stations operated by Federal agencies under authorizations granted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) in certain frequency bands. The Commission also proposes to amend a footnote to the Allocation Table to permit a Federal MSS system to operate in the 399.9 to 400.05 MHz band; it also makes alternative proposals to modify the Allocation Table to provide access to spectrum on an interference protected

basis to Commission licensees for use during the launch of launch vehicles (*i.e.*, rockets). The Commission also seeks comment broadly on the future spectrum needs of the commercial space sector. The Commission expects that, if adopted, these proposals would advance the commercial space industry and the important role it will play in our Nation's economy and technological innovation now and in the future.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 07/01/13 | 78 FR 39200 |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

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**454. Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment; ET Docket No. 13–44**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 157(a); 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303(f); 47 U.S.C. 303(g); 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 307(e); 47 U.S.C. 332

*Abstract:* The Commission is responsible for an equipment authorization program for radiofrequency (RF) devices under part 2 of its rules. This program is one of the primary means that the Commission uses to ensure that the multitude of RF devices used in the United States operate effectively without causing harmful interference and otherwise comply with the Commission rules. All RF devices subject to equipment authorization must comply with the Commission's technical requirement before they can be imported or marketed. The Commission or a Telecommunication Certification Body (TCB) must approve some of these devices before they can be imported or marketed, while others do not require such approval. The Commission last comprehensively reviewed its equipment authorization program more than 10 years ago. The rapid innovation in equipment design since that time has led to ever-accelerating growth in the number of parties applying for equipment approval. The Commission therefore believes that the time is now right for us to comprehensively review our equipment authorization processes

to ensure that they continue to enable this growth and innovation in the wireless equipment market. In May 2012, the Commission began this reform process by issuing an Order to increase the supply of available grantee codes. With this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), the Commission continues its work to review and reform the equipment authorization processes and rules. This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes certain changes to the Commission's part 2 equipment authorization processes to ensure that they continue to operate efficiently and effectively. In particular, it addresses the role of TCBs in certifying RF equipment and post-market surveillance, as well as the Commission's role in assessing TCB performance. The NPRM also addressed the role of test laboratories in the RF equipment approval process, including accreditation of test labs and the Commission's recognition of laboratory accreditation bodies, and measurement procedures used to determine RF equipment compliance. Finally, it proposes certain modifications to the rules regarding TCBs that approve terminal equipment under part 68 of the rules that are consistent with our proposed modifications to the rules for TCBs that approve RF equipment. Specifically, the Commission proposes to recognize the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) as the organization that designates TCBs in the United States and to modify the rules to reference the current International Organization for Standardization and International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) guides used to accredit TCBs.

This Report and Order updates the Commission's radiofrequency (RF) equipment authorization program to build on the success realized by its use of Commission-recognized Telecommunications Certification Bodies (TCBs). The rules the Commission is adopting will facilitate the continued rapid introduction of new and innovative products to the market while ensuring that these products do not cause harmful interference to each other or to other communications devices and services.

*Timetable:*

| Action                       | Date     | FR Cite     |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                   | 05/03/13 | 78 FR 25916 |
| R&O .....                    | 06/12/15 | 80 FR 33425 |
| Memorandum, Opinion & Order. | 06/29/16 | 81 FR 42264 |
| Next Action Undetermined.    |          |             |



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**455. Spectrum Access for Wireless Microphone Operations (GN Docket Nos. 14-166 and 12-268)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 157(a); 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303(f); 47 U.S.C. 303(g); 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 307(e); 47 U.S.C. 332

*Abstract:* The Notice of Proposed Rule Making initiated a proceeding to address how to accommodate the long-term needs of wireless microphone users. Wireless microphones play an important role in enabling broadcasters and other video programming networks to serve consumers, including as they cover breaking news and broadcast live sports events. They enhance event productions in a variety of settings including theaters and music venues, film studios, conventions, corporate events, houses of worship, and internet webcasts. They also help create high quality content that consumers demand and value. Recent actions by the Commission, and in particular the repurposing of broadcast television band spectrum for wireless services set forth in the Incentive Auction R&O, will significantly alter the regulatory environment in which wireless microphones operate, which necessitates our addressing how to accommodate wireless microphone users in the future.

In the Report and Order, the Commission takes several steps to accommodate the long-term needs of wireless microphone users. Wireless microphones play an important role in enabling broadcasters and other video programming networks to serve consumers, including as they cover breaking news and live sports events. They enhance event productions in a variety of settings including theaters and music venues, film studios, conventions, corporate events, houses of worship, and internet webcasts. They also help create high quality content that consumers demand and value. In particular, the Commission provide additional opportunities for wireless microphone operations in the TV bands following the upcoming incentive auction, and the Commission provide

new opportunities for wireless microphone operations to access spectrum in other frequency bands where they can share use of the bands without harming existing users.

In the Order on Reconsideration, we address the four petitions for reconsideration of the Wireless Microphones R&O concerning licensed wireless microphone operations in the TV bands, the 600 MHz duplex gap and several other frequency bands, as well as three petitions for reconsideration of the TV bands part 15 R&O concerning unlicensed wireless microphone operations in the TV bands, the 600 MHz guard bands and duplex gap, and the 600 MHz service band. Because these petitions involve several overlapping technical and operational issues concerning wireless microphones, we consolidate our consideration of them in this one order.

In the Further Notice, we propose to permit certain professional theater, music, performing arts, or similar organizations that operate wireless microphones on an unlicensed basis and that meet certain criteria to obtain a part 74 license to operate in the TV bands (and the 600 MHz service band during the post-auction transition period), thereby allowing them to register in the white spaces databases for interference protection from unlicensed white space devices at venues where their events/productions are performed. In addition, we propose to permit these same users, based on demonstrated need, also to obtain a part 74 license to operate on other bands available for use by part 74 wireless microphone licensees provided that they meet the applicable requirements for operating in those bands.

*Timetable:*

| Action                         | Date     | FR Cite     |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                     | 11/21/14 | 79 FR 69387 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.       | 01/05/15 |             |
| NPRM Reply Comment Period End. | 01/26/15 |             |
| R&O .....                      | 11/17/15 | 80 FR 71702 |
| FNPRM .....                    | 09/01/17 | 82 FR 41583 |
| Order on Recon ..              | 09/01/17 | 82 FR 41549 |
| Next Action Undetermined.      |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK30

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*International Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

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

*Timetable:*

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

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

Required: Yes.

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*RIN:* 3060-AJ77

**457. Comprehensive Review of Licensing and Operating Rules for Satellite Services (IB Docket No. 12-267)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 157(a); 47 U.S.C. 161; 47 U.S.C. 303(c); 47 U.S.C. 303(g); 47 U.S.C. 303(r)

*Abstract:* The Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to initiate a comprehensive review of part 25 of the Commission's rules, which governs the licensing and operation of space stations and earth stations. The Commission proposed amendments to modernize the rules to better reflect evolving technology, to eliminate unnecessary technical and information filing requirements, and to reorganize and simplify existing requirements. In the ensuing Report and Order, the Commission adopted most of its proposed changes and revised more than 150 rule provisions. Several proposals raised by commenters in the proceeding, however, were not within the scope of the original NPRM. To address these and other issues, the Commission released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM). The FNPRM proposed additional rule changes to facilitate international coordination of proposed satellite networks, to revise system implementation milestones and the associated bond, and to expand the applicability of routine licensing standards. Following the FNPRM, the Commission issued a Second Report and Order adopting most of its proposals in the FNPNRM. Among other changes, the Commission established a two-step licensing procedure for most geostationary satellite applicants to facilitate international coordination, simplified the satellite development milestones, adopted an escalating bond requirement to discourage speculation, and refined the two-degree orbital spacing policy for most geostationary satellites to protect existing services. In addition, in May 2016, the International Bureau published a Public Notice inviting comment on the appropriate implementation schedule for a Carrier Identification requirement adopted in the first Report and Order in this

proceeding. In July 2017, the Commission adopted a waiver of the Carrier Identification requirement for certain earth stations that cannot be suitably upgraded.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 11/08/12 | 77 FR 67172 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.  | 02/13/13 |             |
| Report and Order          | 02/12/14 | 79 FR 8308  |
| FNPRM .....               | 10/31/14 | 79 FR 65106 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End. | 03/02/15 |             |
| Public Notice .....       | 05/31/16 | 81 FR 34301 |
| 2nd R&O .....             | 08/18/16 | 81 FR 55316 |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

Required: Yes.

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*RIN:* 3060-AJ98

**458. Update to Parts 2 and 25 Concerning Nongeostationary, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems and Related Matters; IB Docket No. I6-408**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 proposed changes would, among other things, 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.

*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 |

| Action                                              | Date     | FR Cite |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| FNPRM Comment Period End. Next Action Undetermined. | 01/02/18 |         |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

Required: Yes.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Media Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**459. Broadcast Ownership Rules**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 152(a); 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 309 and 310

*Abstract:* Section 202(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires the Commission to review its ownership rules every four years and determine whether any such rules are necessary in the public interest as the result of competition. Accordingly, every four years, the Commission undertakes a comprehensive review of its broadcast multiple and cross-ownership limits examining: Cross-ownership of TV and radio stations; local TV ownership limits; national TV cap; and dual network rule. The last review undertaken was the 2014 review. The Commission incorporated the record of the 2010 review and sought additional data on market conditions and competitive indicators. The Commission also sought comment on whether to eliminate restrictions on newspaper/radio combined ownership and whether to eliminate the radio/television cross-ownership rule in favor of reliance on the local radio rule and the local television rule. In 2016, the Commission retained the existing rules with modifications to account for the digital television transition. Upon reconsideration, it repealed and modified several ownership rules. Specifically repealed were the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule, the radio/television cross-ownership rule, and the attributions rule for television joint-sales agreements.

*Timetable:*

| Action                            | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                        | 10/05/01 | 66 FR 50991 |
| R&O .....                         | 08/05/03 | 68 FR 46286 |
| Public Notice .....               | 02/19/04 | 69 FR 9216  |
| FNPRM .....                       | 08/09/06 | 71 FR 4511  |
| Second FNPRM ..                   | 08/08/07 | 72 FR 44539 |
| R&O and Order on Reconsideration. | 02/21/08 | 73 FR 9481  |
| Notice of Inquiry ..              | 06/11/10 | 75 FR 33227 |
| NPRM .....                        | 01/19/12 | 77 FR 2868  |
| NPRM Comment Period End.          | 03/19/12 |             |
| FNPRM .....                       | 05/20/14 | 79 FR 29010 |
| 2nd R&O .....                     | 11/01/16 | 81 FR 76220 |
| Order on Reconsideration.         | 01/08/18 | 83 FR 733   |
| Next Action Undetermined.         |          |             |

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*RIN:* 3060-AH97

**460. Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcast Services (MB Docket Nos. 07-294 and 17-289)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.  
*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 152(a); 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and (j); 47 U.S.C. 257; 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 307 to 310; 47 U.S.C. 336; 47 U.S.C. 534 and 535

*Abstract:* Diversity and competition are longstanding and important Commission goals. The measures proposed, as well as those adopted in this proceeding, are intended to promote diversity of ownership of media outlets. In the Report and Order and Third FNPRM, measures are enacted to increase participation in the broadcasting industry by new entrants and small businesses, including minority- and women-owned businesses. In the Report and Order and Fourth FNPRM, the Commission adopts improvements to its data collection in order to obtain an accurate and comprehensive assessment of minority and female broadcast ownership in the United States. In 2016, the Commission made improvements to the collection of data reported on Forms 323 and 323-E. On reconsideration in 2017, the Commission provided NCE filers with alternative means to file required Form 323-E without submitting personal information.

Pursuant to a remand from the Third Circuit, the measures adopted in the 2009 Diversity Order were put forth for comment in the NPRM for the 2010

review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership rules. The Commission sought additional comment in 2014. The Commission addressed the remand in the 2016 Second Report and Order in the Broadcast Ownership proceeding. The Commission developed a revenue-based definition of eligible entity in order to promote small business participation in the broadcast industry. The Commission failed to adopt a race or gender conscious eligible entity standard. The Commission found the record was not sufficient to satisfy the constitutional standards to adopt race or gender conscious measures. In the 2017 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission seeks comment on an incubator program to promote ownership diversity.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| R&O .....                 | 05/16/08 | 73 FR 28361 |
| Third FNPRM .....         | 05/16/08 | 73 FR 28400 |
| R&O .....                 | 05/27/09 | 74 FR 25163 |
| Fourth FNPRM .....        | 05/27/09 | 74 FR 25305 |
| MO&O .....                | 10/30/09 | 74 FR 56131 |
| NPRM .....                | 01/19/12 | 77 FR 2868  |
| 5th NPRM .....            | 01/15/13 | 78 FR 2934  |
| 6th FNPRM .....           | 01/15/13 | 78 FR 2925  |
| FNPRM .....               | 05/20/14 | 79 FR 29010 |
| 7th FNPRM .....           | 02/26/15 | 80 FR 10442 |
| Comment Period End.       | 03/30/15 |             |
| Reply Comment Period End. | 04/30/15 |             |
| R&O .....                 | 04/04/16 | 81 FR 19432 |
| 2nd R&O .....             | 11/01/16 | 81 FR 76220 |
| Order on Recon ..         | 05/10/17 | 82 FR 21718 |
| NPRM .....                | 01/08/18 | 83 FR 774   |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

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*RIN:* 3060-AJ27

**461. Closed Captioning of Internet Protocol-Delivered Video Programming: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (MB Docket No. 11-154)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.  
*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 330(b); 47 U.S.C. 613; 47 U.S.C. 617  
*Abstract:* Pursuant to the Commission’s responsibilities under the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, this proceeding was initiated to adopt

rules to govern the closed captioning requirements for the owners, providers, and distributors of video programming delivered using internet protocol.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 09/28/11 | 76 FR 59963 |
| R&O .....                 | 03/20/12 | 77 FR 19480 |
| Order on Recon, FNPRM.    | 07/02/13 | 78 FR 39691 |
| 2nd Order on Recon.       | 08/05/14 | 79 FR 45354 |
| 2nd FNPRM .....           | 08/05/14 | 79 FR 45397 |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

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*RIN:* 3060-AJ67

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.  
*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 308; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 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.

The FNPRM sought comment on three topics: (1) Issues related to the local simulcasting requirement, (2) whether to let broadcasters use vacant channels in the broadcast band, and (3) the import of the Next Gen standard on simulcasting stations.

*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 |

| Action                          | Date     | FR Cite    |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| R&O .....                       | 02/02/18 | 83 FR 4998 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.       | 02/20/18 |            |
| FNPRM Reply Comment Period End. | 03/20/18 |            |
| Next Action Undetermined.       |          |            |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK56

**463. FCC Form 325 Data Collection (MB Docket No. 17-290)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C., sec. 151  
*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission seeks comment on whether to eliminate Form 325, Annual Report of Cable Television Systems, or, in the alternative, on ways to modernize and streamline the form. Form 325 collects operational information from cable television systems nationwide, including their network structure, system-wide capacity, programming, and number of subscribers.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 12/12/17 | 82 FR 58365 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.  | 02/12/18 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK69

**464. Electronic Delivery of MVPD Communications (MB Docket No. 17-317)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C., sec. 151  
*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission addresses ways to modernize certain notice provisions in part 76 of the Commission's rules governing multichannel video and cable television service. The Commission considers allowing various types of

written communications from cable operators to subscribers to be delivered electronically. Additionally, the Commission considers permitting cable operators to reply to consumer requests or complaints by email in certain circumstances. The Commission also evaluates updating the requirement in the Commission's rules that requires broadcast television stations to send carriage election notices via certified mail.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite    |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| NPRM .....                | 01/16/18 | 83 FR 2119 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.  | 02/15/18 |            |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |            |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK70

**465. Filing of Paper Broadcast Contracts (MB Docket No. 18-4)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C., sec. 151  
*Abstract:* In this proceeding, the Commission considers whether and how to modernize section 73.3613 of the Commission's rules, which requires each licensee or permittee of a commercial and noncommercial AM, FM, television, or international broadcast station to file certain contracts and other documents with the Commission within 30 days after execution.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM (release date).      | 01/30/18 |         |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |         |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK71

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Office of Managing Director*

Long-Term Actions

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 FCC 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 (Release Date).      | 05/22/18 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK64

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**467. Enhanced 911 Services for Wireline and Multi-Line Telephone Systems; PS Docket Nos. 10-255 and 07-114**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 222; 47 U.S.C. 251

*Abstract:* The policies set forth in the Report and Order will assist State governments in drafting legislation that will ensure that multi-line telephone systems are compatible with the enhanced 911 network. The public notice seeks comment on whether the Commission, rather than States, should regulate multiline telephone systems and whether part 68 of the Commission's rules should be revised.

*Timetable:*

| Action                            | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                        | 10/11/94 | 59 FR 54878 |
| FNPRM .....                       | 01/23/03 | 68 FR 3214  |
| Second FNPRM ..                   | 02/11/04 | 69 FR 6595  |
| R&O .....                         | 02/11/04 | 69 FR 6578  |
| Public Notice .....               | 01/13/05 | 70 FR 2405  |
| Comment Period End.               | 03/29/05 |             |
| NOI .....                         | 01/13/11 | 76 FR 2297  |
| NOI Comment Period End.           | 03/14/11 |             |
| Public Notice (Release Date).     | 05/21/12 |             |
| Public Notice Comment Period End. | 08/06/12 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined.         |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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**468. Commission Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications (PS Docket No. 11-82)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.  
*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C.155; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 251  
*Abstract:* The 2004 Report and Order extended the Commission's outage reporting requirements to non-wireline carriers and streamlined reporting through a new electronic template. A Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the unique communications needs of airports also remains pending. The 2012 Report and Order extended the Commission's outage reporting requirements to interconnected Voice over internet Protocol (VOIP) services where there is a complete loss of connectivity that has the potential to affect at least 900,000 user minutes. Interconnected VoIP services providers must now file outage reports through the same electronic mechanism as providers of other services. The Commission indicated that the technical issues involved in identifying and reporting significant outages of broadband internet services require further study. In May 2016, the Commission released a Report and Order, FNPRM, and Order on Reconsideration (see also dockets 04-35 and 15-80). The FNPRM proposed rules to extend part 4 outage reporting to broadband services. Comments and replies were received by the Commission in August and September 2016.

*Timetable:*

| Action                                                  | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                                              | 03/26/04 | 69 FR 15761 |
| FNPRM .....                                             | 11/26/04 | 69 FR 68859 |
| R&O .....                                               | 12/03/04 | 69 FR 70316 |
| Announcement of Effective Date and Partial Stay.        | 12/30/04 | 69 FR 78338 |
| Petition for Reconsideration.                           | 02/15/05 | 70 FR 7737  |
| Amendment of Delegated Authority.                       | 02/21/08 | 73 FR 9462  |
| Public Notice .....                                     | 08/02/10 |             |
| NPRM .....                                              | 06/09/11 | 76 FR 33686 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.                                | 08/08/11 |             |
| R&O .....                                               | 04/27/12 | 77 FR 25088 |
| Final Rule; Correction.                                 | 01/30/13 | 78 FR 6216  |
| R&O .....                                               | 07/12/16 | 81 FR 45055 |
| FNPRM .....                                             | 07/12/16 | 81 FR 45095 |
| 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 |
| Next Action Undetermined.                               |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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**469. Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements; PS Docket No. 07-114**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.  
*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 332  
*Abstract:* This is related to the proceedings in which the FCC has 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  |

| Action                            | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 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 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined.         |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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**470. Proposed Amendments to Service Rules Governing Public Safety Narrowband Operations in the 769-775 and 799-805 MHz Bands; PS Docket No. 13-87**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.  
*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 160; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 337(a); 47 U.S.C. 403  
*Abstract:* This proceeding seeks to amend the Commission's rules to promote spectrum efficiency, interoperability, and flexibility in 700 MHz public safety narrowband operations (769-775 and 799-805 MHz).

*Timetable:*

| Action                      | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                  | 04/19/13 | 78 FR 23529 |
| Final Rule .....            | 12/20/14 | 79 FR 71321 |
| Final Rule Effective.       | 01/02/15 |             |
| FNPRM .....                 | 09/29/16 | 81 FR 65984 |
| Order on Recon ..           | 09/29/16 | 81 FR 66830 |
| 2nd R&O and Order on Recon. | 07/30/18 | 83 FR 30364 |

| Action                    | Date | FR Cite |
|---------------------------|------|---------|
| Next Action Undetermined. |      |         |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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*RIN:* 3060-AK19

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.  
*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.  
*Timetable:*

| Action                              | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM (Release Date).                | 09/17/15 |             |
| R&O .....                           | 06/24/16 | 81 FR 52354 |
| Petitions for Recon.                | 09/08/16 |             |
| Petitions for Recon—Public Comment. | 10/31/16 | 81 FR 75368 |
| Next Action Undetermined.           |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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*RIN:* 3060-AK39

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.  
*Legal Authority:* 47 CFR 0; 47 CFR 4; 47 CFR 63  
*Abstract:* The 2004 Report and Order 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 & 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.

*Timetable:*

| Action                                                  | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                                              | 06/16/15 | 80 FR 34321 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.                                | 07/31/15 |             |
| FNPRM .....                                             | 07/12/16 | 81 FR 45095 |
| R&O .....                                               | 07/12/16 | 81 FR 45055 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.                               | 09/12/16 |             |
| Order Denying Reply Comment Deadline Extension Request. | 09/18/16 |             |
| Announcement of Effective Date for Rule Changes in R&O. | 06/22/17 | 82 FR 28410 |
| Next Action Undetermined.                               |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*  
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*RIN:* 3060-AK40

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.  
*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 154 to 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 found 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 & 15-80). The Order on Reconsideration addressed outage reporting for events at airports, and the FNPRM sought comment on database sharing. Comments and replies were received by the Commission 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 Interconnected VOIP Service Providers. | 07/02/10 |             |
| Reply Period End R&O and Order on Recon.                             | 08/16/12 |             |
| FNPRM .....                                                          | 06/16/15 | 80 FR 34321 |
| R&O .....                                                            | 07/12/16 | 81 FR 45095 |
| Order Denying Extension of Time to File Reply Comments.              | 07/12/16 | 81 FR 45055 |
| Announcement of Effective Date for Rule Changes in R&O.              | 09/08/16 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined.                                            | 06/22/17 | 82 FR 28410 |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK41

**474. Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA); PS Docket No. 15-91**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 WEA messaging, ensure that WEA alerts reach only those individuals to whom they are relevant, and establish an end-to-end testing program based on advancements in technology.

*Timetable:*

| Action                         | Date     | FR Cite     |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                     | 11/19/15 | 80 FR 77289 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.       | 01/13/16 |             |
| NPRM Reply Comment Period End. | 02/12/16 |             |
| Order .....                    | 11/01/16 | 81 FR 75710 |
| FNPRM .....                    | 11/08/16 | 81 FR 78539 |
| Comment Period End.            | 12/08/16 |             |
| Reply Comment Period End.      | 01/07/17 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined.      |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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**475. Blue Alert EAS Event Code**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

*Abstract:* In 2015, Congress adopted the Blue Alert Act to help the States provide effective alerts to the public and law enforcement when police and other law enforcement officers are killed or are in danger. To ensure that these state plans are compatible and integrated throughout the United States as envisioned by the Blue Alert Act, the Blue Alert Coordinator made a series of

recommendations in a 2016 Report to Congress. Among these recommendations, the Blue Alert Coordinator identified the need for a dedicated EAS event code for Blue Alerts, and noted the alignment of the EAS with the implementation of the Blue Alert Act. On June 22, 2017, the FCC released an NPRM proposing to revise the EAS rules to adopt a new event code, which would allow transmission of “Blue Alerts” to the public over the EAS, and thus satisfy the stated need for a dedicated EAS event code.

*Timetable:*

| Action                         | Date     | FR Cite     |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                     | 06/30/17 | 82 FR 29811 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.       | 07/31/17 |             |
| NPRM Reply Comment Period End. | 08/29/17 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined.      |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Wireless Telecommunications Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**476. Review of Part 87 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Aviation (WT Docket No. 01-289)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

*Abstract:* This proceeding is intended to streamline, consolidate, and revise our part 87 rules governing the Aviation Radio Service. The rule changes are designed to ensure these rules reflect current technological advances.

*Timetable:*

| Action     | Date     | FR Cite     |
|------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM ..... | 10/16/01 | 66 FR 64785 |

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM Comment Period End.  | 03/14/02 |             |
| R&O and FNPRM             | 10/16/03 |             |
| FNPRM .....               | 04/12/04 | 69 FR 19140 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End. | 07/12/04 |             |
| R&O .....                 | 06/14/04 | 69 FR 32577 |
| NPRM .....                | 12/06/06 | 71 FR 70710 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.  | 03/06/07 |             |
| Final Rule .....          | 12/06/06 | 71 FR 70671 |
| 3rd R&O .....             | 03/29/11 | 76 FR 17347 |
| Stay Order .....          | 03/29/11 | 76 FR 17353 |
| 3rd FNPRM .....           | 01/30/13 | 78 FR 6276  |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AI35

**477. Amendment of Part 101 of the Commission’s Rules for Microwave Use and Broadcast Auxiliary Service Flexibility**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 157; 47 U.S.C. 160 and 201; 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 301 to 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 to 310; 47 U.S.C. 319 and 324; 47 U.S.C. 332 and 333

*Abstract:* In this document, the Commission commences a proceeding to remove regulatory barriers to the use of spectrum for wireless backhaul and other point-to-point and point-to-multipoint communications.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 08/05/10 | 75 FR 52185 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.  | 11/22/10 |             |
| R&O .....                 | 09/27/11 | 76 FR 59559 |
| FNPRM .....               | 09/27/11 | 76 FR 59614 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End. | 10/25/11 |             |
| R&O .....                 | 09/05/12 | 77 FR 54421 |
| FNPRM .....               | 09/05/12 | 77 FR 54511 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End. | 10/22/12 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060-AJ47

**478. Universal Service Reform Mobility Fund (WT Docket No. 10-208)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 155; 47 U.S.C. 160; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 205; 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 254; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 303(c); 47 U.S.C. 303(f); 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 303(y); 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 310

*Abstract:* This proceeding establishes the Mobility Fund which provides an initial infusion of funds toward solving persistent gaps in mobile services through targeted, one-time support for the build-out of current and next-generation wireless infrastructure in areas where these services are unavailable.

*Timetable:*

| Action                                                        | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                                                    | 10/14/10 | 75 FR 67060 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.                                      | 01/18/11 |             |
| R&O .....                                                     | 11/29/11 | 76 FR 73830 |
| FNPRM .....                                                   | 12/16/11 | 76 FR 78384 |
| R&O .....                                                     | 12/28/11 | 76 FR 81562 |
| 2nd R&O .....                                                 | 07/03/12 | 77 FR 39435 |
| 4th Order on Recon.                                           | 08/14/12 | 77 FR 48453 |
| FNPRM .....                                                   | 07/09/14 | 79 FR 39196 |
| R&O, Declaratory Ruling, Order, MO&O, and 7th Order on Recon. | 07/09/14 | 79 FR 39163 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.                                     | 09/08/14 |             |
| R&O .....                                                     | 10/07/16 | 81 FR 69696 |
| FNPRM .....                                                   | 10/07/16 | 81 FR 69772 |
| FNPRM .....                                                   | 03/13/17 | 82 FR 13413 |
| R&O .....                                                     | 03/28/17 | 82 FR 15422 |
| R&O Correction ...                                            | 04/04/17 | 82 FR 16297 |
| Order on Recon and 2nd R&O.                                   | 09/08/17 | 82 FR 42473 |
| 2nd Order on Recon.                                           | 04/25/18 | 83 FR 17934 |
| Next Action Undetermined.                                     |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AJ58

**479. Fixed and Mobile Services in the Mobile Satellite Service Bands at 1525-1559 MHz and 1626.5-1660.5 MHz, 1610-1626.5 MHz and 2483.5-2500 MHz, and 2000-2020 MHz and 2180-2200 MHz**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 and 154; 47 U.S.C. 303 and 310

*Abstract:* The Commission proposes steps making additional spectrum available for new investment in mobile broadband networks, while ensuring that the United States maintains robust mobile satellite service capabilities. Mobile broadband is emerging as one of America's most dynamic innovation and economic platforms. Yet tremendous demand growth soon will test the limits of spectrum availability. Some 90 megahertz of spectrum, allocated to the Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) in the 2 GHz band, Big LEO band, and L-band, are potentially available for terrestrial mobile broadband use. The Commission seeks to remove regulatory barriers to terrestrial use, and to promote additional investments, such as those recently made possible by a transaction between Harbinger Capital Partners and SkyTerra Communications, while retaining sufficient market-wide MSS capability. The Commission proposes to add co-primary Fixed and Mobile allocations to the 2 GHz band, consistent with the International Table of Allocations. This allocation modification is a precondition for more flexible licensing of terrestrial services within the band. Second, the Commission proposes to apply the Commission's secondary market policies and rules applicable to terrestrial services to all transactions involving the use of MSS bands for terrestrial services to create greater predictability and regulatory parity with bands licensed for terrestrial mobile broadband service. The Commission also requests comment on further steps we can take to increase the value, utilization, innovation, and investment in MSS spectrum generally.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 07/15/10 | 75 FR 49871 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.  | 09/30/10 |             |
| R&O .....                 | 04/06/11 | 76 FR 31252 |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AJ59

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 incentive auction 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" that would allow mobile broadband providers to bid for licenses in the reallocated spectrum. Broadcast television licensees who elected to voluntarily participate in the auction had three basic options: Voluntarily go off the air, share spectrum, or move channels in exchange for receiving part of the proceeds from auctioning that spectrum to wireless providers.

In June 2014, the Commission adopted a Report and Order that laid out the general framework for the incentive auction. The incentive auction started on March 29, 2016, with the submission of initial commitments by eligible broadcast licensees that had submitted timely and complete applications. The incentive auction officially 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 full power and Class A television stations will transition their stations to their post-auction channel assignments in the reorganized television bands. Pursuant to Congress' directive, the Commission will reimburse those 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.

The March 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 115–141, 132 Stat. 348 (2018)) authorizes the Commission to reimburse eligible entities for costs associated with the post-incentive auction transition through July 3, 2023, and also directed the Commission to reimburse costs reasonably incurred by low power television stations, TV translator stations, and FM broadcast stations as a result of the post-auction reorganization of the television band. The Commission will initiate a new rulemaking to establish eligibility requirements and develop procedures for reimbursing these additional entities, and to identify reasonable costs for reimbursement. This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order is scheduled for consideration at the Commission's August 2018 meeting. The statute directed the Commission to complete this proceeding by March 2019.

*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 |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060–AJ82

**481. Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 Related to the 1915–1920 MHz and 1995–2000 MHz Bands (WT Docket No. 12–357)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 301 to 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 to 310

*Abstract:* The Commission proposes rules for the Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) H Block that would make available 10 megahertz of flexible use. The proposal would extend the widely deployed Personal Communications Services (PCS) band, which is used by the four national providers as well as regional and rural providers to offer mobile service across the nation. The additional spectrum for mobile use will help ensure that the speed, capacity, and ubiquity of the Nation's wireless networks keeps pace with the skyrocketing demand for mobile services.

Today's action is a first step to implement the congressional directive in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Spectrum Act) to grant new initial licenses for the 1915–1920 MHz and 1995–2000 MHz bands (the Lower H Block and Upper H Block, respectively) through a system of competitive bidding—unless doing so would cause harmful interference to commercial mobile service licenses in the 1930–1985 MHz (PCS downlink) band. The potential for harmful interference to the PCS downlink band relates only to the Lower H Block transmissions, and may be addressed by appropriate technical rules, including reduced power limits on H Block devices. We, therefore, propose to pair and license the Lower H Block and the Upper H Block for flexible use, including mobile broadband, aiming to assign the licenses through competitive bidding in 2013. In the event that we conclude that the Lower H Block cannot be used without causing harmful interference to PCS, we propose to license the Upper H Block for full power, and seek comment on appropriate use for the Lower H Block, including Unlicensed PCS.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 01/08/13 | 78 FR 1166  |
| NPRM Comment Period End.  | 03/06/13 |             |
| R&O .....                 | 08/16/13 | 78 FR 50213 |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060–AJ86

**482. 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)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

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

*Timetable:*

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

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060–AJ87

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

*Abstract:* In the Report and Order, the Commission addresses the problem of illegal use of contraband wireless devices by inmates in correctional facilities by streamlining the process of deploying contraband wireless device interdiction systems (CIS)—systems that use radio communications signals

requiring Commission authorization—in correctional facilities. In particular, the Commission eliminates certain filing requirements and provides for immediate approval of the lease applications needed to operate these systems.

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

*Timetable:*

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

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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. 302(a); 47 U.S.C. 303 to 304; 47 U.S.C. 307(e); 47 U.S.C. 316

*Abstract:* The Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 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.

*Timetable:*

| Action                        | Date     | FR Cite     |
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| 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 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined.     |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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**485. 800 MHz Cellular Telecommunications Licensing Reform; Docket No. 12–40**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 to 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) to 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 301 to 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 to 309; 47 U.S.C. 332

*Abstract:* The proceeding was launched to revisit and update rules governing the 800 MHz Cellular Radiotelephone Service (Cellular Service). On November 10, 2014, the FCC released a Report and Order (R&O) and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM). In the R&O, the FCC eliminated or streamlined numerous regulatory requirements; in the FNPRM, the FCC sought comment on additional reforms of the cellular rules, including radiated power and other technical rules, to promote flexibility and help foster deployment of new technologies such as LTE. On March 24, 2017, the FCC released a Second Report and Order (2d R&O) and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (2d FNPRM). In the 2d R&O, the FCC revised the cellular radiated power rules to permit compliance with limits based on power spectral density as an option for licensees deploying wideband technologies such as LTE, made conforming revisions to related technical rules, and adopted additional licensing reforms. In the 2d FNPRM, the FCC sought comment on other measures to give cellular and other part 22 commercial mobile services licensees more flexibility and administrative relief, and on ways to consolidate and simplify the rules for the Cellular Service and other geographically licensed wireless services. On July 13, 2018, the FCC released a Third Report and Order in which it deleted certain part 22 rules that imposed needless recordkeeping and reporting obligations; it also deleted certain Cellular Service-specific and part 22 rules that are duplicative of other rules and are thus no longer necessary. These revisions reduce regulatory burdens for Cellular and other part 22 licensees and provide them with enhanced flexibility, thereby freeing up more resources for investment in new technologies and greater spectrum efficiency to meet increasing consumer demand for advanced wireless services.

*Timetable:*

| Action                                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                                | 03/16/12 | 77 FR 15665 |
| NPRM Comment Period End.                  | 05/15/12 |             |
| NPRM Reply Comment Period End.            | 06/14/12 |             |
| R&O .....                                 | 12/05/14 | 79 FR 72143 |
| FNPRM .....                               | 12/22/14 | 79FR 76268  |
| Final Rule Effective (With 3 Exceptions). | 01/05/15 |             |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.                 | 01/21/15 |             |

| Action                                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.           | 02/20/15 |             |
| 2nd R&O .....                             | 04/12/17 | 82 FR 17570 |
| 2nd FNPRM .....                           | 04/14/17 | 82 FR 17959 |
| Final Rule Effective (With 7 Exceptions). | 05/02/17 |             |
| 2nd FNPRM Comment Period End.             | 05/15/17 |             |
| 2nd FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.       | 06/14/17 |             |
| Final Rule Effective.                     | 12/01/17 |             |
| 3rd R&O .....                             | 08/02/18 | 83 FR 37760 |
| Final Rule Effective.                     | 09/04/18 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined.                 |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK13

**486. Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules (WT Docket No. 14-170)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 |

| Action                                          | Date             | FR Cite     |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Public Notice on Petitions for Reconsideration. | 11/10/15         | 80 FR 69630 |
| Order on Recon ..                               | To Be Determined |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 to 302; 47 U.S.C. 302(a); 47 U.S.C. 303 to 304; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 309 to 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 |

| Action                                              | Date     | FR Cite |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| FNPRM Comment Period End. Next Action Undetermined. | 09/28/18 |         |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**488. • Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 152; 47 U.S.C. 153; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 301; 47 U.S.C. 302; 47 U.S.C. 304; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 308; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 310; 47 U.S.C. 1302

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

*Timetable:*

| Action                                             | Date     | FR Cite     |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                                         | 06/07/18 | 83 FR 26396 |
| NPRM Comment Period End. Next Action Undetermined. | 09/07/18 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)**

*Wireline Competition Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

**489. Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information (CC Docket No. 96-115)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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  |
| 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 |
| Next Action Undetermined.                   |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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**490. Numbering Resource Optimization**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

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

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

In the NRO Second Report and Order, the Commission adopted a measure that requires all carriers to use at least 60 percent of their numbering resources before they may get additional numbers in a particular area. That 60 percent utilization threshold increases to 75 percent over the next three years. The Commission also established a five-year term for the national pooling administrator and an auditing program to verify carrier compliance with the Commission's rules. Furthermore, the Commission declined to amend the

existing Federal rules for area code relief or specify any new Federal guidelines for the implementation of area code relief. The Commission also declined to state a preference for either all-services overlays or geographic splits as a method of area code relief. Regarding mandatory nationwide ten-digit dialing, the Commission declined to adopt this measure at the present time. Furthermore, the Commission declined to mandate nationwide expansion of the "D digit" (the "N" of an NXX or central office code) to include zero or one, or to grant State commissions the authority to implement the expansion of the "D" digit as a numbering resource optimization measure presently.

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

numbering resources are used within the NANP, and will promote more efficient allocation and use of NANP resources by tying a carrier's ability to obtain numbering resources more closely to its actual need for numbers to serve its customers.

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

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

only service provider receiving numbering resources in a given rate center. Additionally, the Commission sought further comment on whether these exemptions should be expanded to include carriers where there are only two service providers receiving numbering resources in the rate center. Finally, the Commission reaffirmed that the 100 largest MSAs are identified in the 1990 U.S. Census reports, as well as those areas included on any subsequent U.S. Census report of the 100 largest MSAs.

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

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

In its 2015 Report and Order, the Commission established an authorization process to enable interconnected VoIP providers that choose to obtain access to North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and/or the Pooling Administrator (Numbering Administrators), rather than through intermediaries. The Order also set forth several conditions designed to minimize number exhaust and preserve the integrity of the numbering system. Specifically, the Commission required

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

*Timetable:*

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

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**491. Jurisdictional Separations**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 five 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 three 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 two years to June 2014. In 2014, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the separations freeze for an additional three 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 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.

*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 Released Next Action Undetermined. | 07/15/18 |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

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

*Timetable:*

| Action      | Date     | FR Cite     |
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| 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 |

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 08/03/17 | 82 FR 40118 |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3060–AJ15

**493. Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements (WC Docket No. 07–244)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 251; 47 U.S.C. 303(r)

*Abstract:* In 2007, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No. 07–244. The Notice sought comment on whether the Commission should adopt rules specifying the length of the porting intervals or other details of the porting process. It also tentatively concluded that the Commission should adopt rules reducing the porting interval for wireline-to-wireline and intermodal simple port requests, specifically, to a 48-hour porting interval.

In the Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, released on May 13, 2009, the Commission reduced the porting interval for simple wireline and simple intermodal port requests, requiring all entities subject to its local number portability (LNP) rules to complete simple wireline-to-wireline and simple intermodal port requests within one business day. In a related Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), the Commission sought comment on what further steps, if any, the Commission should take to improve the process of changing providers.

In the LNP Standard Fields Order, released on May 20, 2010, the Commission adopted standardized data fields for simple wireline and intermodal ports. The Order also adopts the NANC’s recommendations for porting process provisioning flows and for counting a business day in the context of number porting.

*Timetable:*

| Action     | Date     | FR Cite    |
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| NPRM ..... | 02/21/08 | 73 FR 9507 |

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| R&O and FNPRM             | 07/02/09 | 74 FR 31630 |
| R&O .....                 | 06/22/10 | 75 FR 35305 |
| Public Notice .....       | 12/21/11 | 76 FR 79607 |
| Public Notice .....       | 06/06/13 | 78 FR 34015 |
| R&O .....                 | 05/26/15 | 80 FR 29978 |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**494. Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; a National Broadband Plan for Our Future (WC Docket No. 07-245, GN Docket No. 09-51)**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 224

*Abstract:* In 2010, the Commission released an Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that implemented certain pole attachment recommendations of the National Broadband Plan and sought comment regarding others. On April 7, 2011, the Commission adopted a Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration that sets forth a comprehensive regulatory scheme for access to poles, and modifies existing rules for pole attachment rates and enforcement. In 2015, the Commission issued an Order on Reconsideration that further harmonized the pole attachment rates paid by telecommunications and cable providers.

The 2015 Order on Reconsideration was upheld on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in *Ameren Corporation, et al. v. FCC*, Case No: 16-1683.

The U.S. Supreme Court denied writ of certiorari on April 30, 2018.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 02/06/08 | 73 FR 6879  |
| FNPRM .....               | 07/15/10 | 75 FR 41338 |
| Declaratory Ruling        | 08/03/10 | 75 FR 45494 |
| R&O .....                 | 05/09/11 | 76 FR 26620 |
| Order on Recon ..         | 02/03/16 | 81 FR 5605  |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AJ64

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 201(b); 47 U.S.C. 202(a); 47 U.S.C. 218; 47 U.S.C. 220(a); 47 U.S.C. 262; 47 U.S.C. 403; 47 U.S.C. 251(a); 47 U.S.C. 64.111; 47 U.S.C. 2113

*Abstract:* The Second Report and Order reorients our rural call completion rules to better reflect strategies that have worked to reduce rural call completion problems while at the same time reducing the overall burden of our rules on providers. The Second Report and Order adopts a new rule requiring “covered providers”—entities that select the initial long-distance route for a large number of lines—to monitor the performance of the “intermediate providers” to which they hand off calls. The monitoring rule encourages covered providers to ensure that calls are completed, assigns clear responsibility for call completion issues, and enhances our ability to take enforcement action where needed to address persistent problems. To facilitate communication about problems that arise, the Second Report and Order requires covered providers to make available a point of contact to address rural call completion issues. The Order also eliminates the reporting requirement for covered providers established in 2013, concluding that the reporting rules were burdensome on covered providers, while the resulting Form 480 reports are of limited utility to us in discovering the source of rural call completion problems and a pathway to their resolution.

The Third FNPRM proposes and seeks comment on rules to implement the recently enacted RCC Act, which directs us to establish registration requirements and service quality standards for intermediate providers. The Third FNPRM also seeks comment on sunseting the recording and retention rules established in 2013, and on further modification to our rural call completion rules. Per the RCC Act, the Commission must adopt rules establishing the registry by Aug. 25, 2018, and rules establishing service quality standards by Feb. 26, 2019.

*Timetable:*

| Action              | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....          | 04/12/13 | 78 FR 21891 |
| Public Notice ..... | 05/07/13 | 78 FR 26572 |

| Action                              | Date     | FR Cite     |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM Comment Period End.            | 05/28/13 |             |
| R&O and FNPRM PRA 60 Day Notice.    | 12/17/13 | 78 FR 76218 |
|                                     | 12/30/13 | 78 FR 79448 |
| FNPRM Comment Period End.           | 02/18/14 |             |
| PRA Comments Due.                   | 03/11/14 |             |
| Public Notice .....                 | 05/06/14 | 79 FR 25682 |
| Order on Reconsideration .....      | 12/10/14 | 79 FR 73227 |
| Erratum .....                       | 01/08/15 | 80 FR 1007  |
| Public Notice .....                 | 03/04/15 | 80 FR 11593 |
| 2nd FNPRM .....                     | 07/27/17 | 82 FR 34911 |
| 2nd FNPRM Comment Period End.       | 08/28/17 |             |
| Reply Comment Period End.           | 09/25/17 |             |
| 2nd Order .....                     | 04/17/18 | 83 FR 21723 |
| 3rd FNPRM .....                     | 04/17/18 | 83 FR 21983 |
| 3rd FNPRM Comment Period End.       | 06/04/18 |             |
| 3rd FNPRM Reply Comment Period End. | 06/19/18 |             |
| Next Action Undetermined.           |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**496. Rates for Inmate Calling Services; WC Docket No. 12-375**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151 to 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) to (j); 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 276; 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 CFR 64

*Abstract:* In the Report and Order portion of this document, the Federal Communications Commission adopts rule changes to ensure that rates for both interstate and intrastate inmate calling services (ICS) are fair, just, and reasonable, as required by statute, and limits ancillary service charges imposed by ICS providers. In the Report and Order, the Commission sets caps on all interstate and intrastate calling rates for ICS, establishes a tiered rate structure based on the size and type of facility being served, limits the types of ancillary services that ICS providers may charge for and caps the charges for permitted fees, bans flat-rate calling, facilitates access to ICS by people with disabilities by requiring providers to offer free or steeply discounted rates for calls using TTY, and imposes reporting



and certification requirements to facilitate continued oversight of the ICS market. In the Further Notice portion of the item, the Commission seeks comment on ways to promote competition for ICS, video visitation, and rates for international calls, and considers an array of solutions to further address areas of concern in the ICS industry. In an Order on Reconsideration, the Commission amends its rate caps and amends the definition of “mandatory tax or mandatory fee.”

*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 |             |
| Announcement of Effective Date.             | 06/20/14 | 79 FR 33709 |
| 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 |
| Next Action Undetermined.                   |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK08

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 201(b); 47 U.S.C. 219; 47 U.S.C. 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 an Report and Order that revised the part 32 USOA to substantially reduce accounting burdens for both price cap and rate-of-return carriers. First, the Order streamlines the USOA for all carriers. In addition, the USOA will be aligned more closely with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Second, the Order allows price cap carriers to use GAAP for all regulatory accounting purposes as long as they comply with targeted accounting rules, which are designed to mitigate any impact on pole attachment rates. Alternatively, price cap carriers can elect to use GAAP accounting for all purposes other than those associated with pole attachment rates and continue to use the part 32 accounts for pole attachment rates for up to 12 years. Third, the Order addresses several miscellaneous issues, including referral to the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations the issue of examining jurisdictional separations rules in light of the reforms adopted to part 32.

*Timetable:*

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

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

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

*Abstract:* In December 2017, the Commission adopted the Restoring Internet Freedom Declaratory Ruling, Report and Order, and Order (Restoring Internet Freedom Order), which restored the light-touch regulatory framework under which the internet had grown and thrived for decades by classifying broadband internet access service as an information service. The Restoring Internet Freedom Order ends title II regulation of the internet and returns broadband internet access service to its long-standing classification as an information service; reinstates the determination that mobile broadband internet access service is not a commercial mobile service, and returns it to its original classification as a private mobile service; finds that transparency, ISPs’ economic incentives, and antitrust and consumer protection laws will protect the openness of the internet, and that title II regulation is unnecessary to do so; and adopts a transparency rule similar to that in the 2010 Open Internet Order, requiring disclosure of network management practices, performance characteristics, and commercial terms of service. Additionally, the transparency rule requires ISPs to disclose any blocking, throttling, paid prioritization, or affiliate prioritization; and eliminates the internet conduct standard and the bright-line conduct rules set forth in the 2015 title II Order.

*Timetable:*

| Action                                        | Date     | FR Cite     |
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| 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 |             |



| Action                                                           | Date     | FR Cite    |
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| Declaratory Ruling, R&O, and Order.<br>Next Action Undetermined. | 02/22/18 | 83 FR 7852 |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK21

**499. 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**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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, 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.

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: (i) Proposed new backup power rules; (ii) proposed new or revised rules for copper retirements and service discontinuances; and (iii) 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.

*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 |             |

| Action                          | Date     | FR Cite      |
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| 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 |              |
| 3rd R&O .....                   | 07/09/18 | 83 FR 31659  |
| Next Action Undetermined.       |          |              |

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**500. Modernizing Common Carrier Rules, WC Docket No. 15-33**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*Legal Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 151; 47 U.S.C. 152(a); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 160 to 161; 47 U.S.C. 201 to 205; 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 218 to 221; 47 U.S.C. 225 to 228; 47 U.S.C. 254; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 308; 47 U.S.C. 403; 47 U.S.C. 410; 47 U.S.C. 571; 47 U.S.C. 1302; 52 U.S.C. 30141

*Abstract:* The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice) sought to update our rules to better reflect current requirements and technology by removing outmoded regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations. The Notice proposed to update the CFR by (1) eliminating certain rules from which the Commission has forborn, and (2) eliminating references to telegraph service in certain rules. It proposed to eliminate several rules from which the Commission had granted unconditional forbearance for all carriers. These are: (1) Section 64.804(c)-(g), which governed a carrier's recordkeeping and other obligations when it extended to federal candidates unsecured credit for communications service; (2) sections 42.4, 42.5, and 42.7, which required carriers to preserve certain records; (3) section 64.301 which required carriers to provide communications service to foreign governments for international communications; (4) section 64.501, which governed telephone companies'

obligations when recording telephone conversations; (5) section 64.5001(a)-(c)(2), and (c)(4), which imposed certain reporting and certification requirements for prepaid calling card providers; and (6) section 64.1, which governed traffic damage claims for carriers engaged in radio-telegraph, wire-telegraph, or ocean-cable service. It also proposed to remove references to telegraph from certain sections of the Commission's rules. This proposal was consistent with Recommendation 5.38 of the Process Reform Report. Specifically, it proposed to remove telegraph from: (1) Section 36.126 (separations); (2) section 54.706(a)(13) (universal service contributions); and (3) sections 63.60(c), 63.61, 63.62, 63.65(a)(4), 63.500(g), 63.501(g), and 63.504(k) (discontinuance).

The Report and Order (Order) updated the rules to remove outmoded regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that no longer reflected current requirements or technology. It eliminated certain rules from which the Commission had granted unconditional forbearance for all carriers, and eliminated references to telegraph service from certain sections of the Commission's rules. Specifically, the Order deleted the following CFR provisions from which the Commission has forborne: (1) Sections 42.4, 42.5, and 42.7, which required carriers to preserve certain records; (2) section 64.1, which governed traffic damage claims for carriers engaged in radio-telegraph, wire-telegraph, or ocean-cable service; (3) section 64.301, which required carriers to provide communications services to foreign governments for international communications; (4) section 64.501, which governed telephone companies' obligations when recording telephone conversations; (5) section 64.804(c)-(g), which governed a carrier's recordkeeping and other obligations when it extended unsecured credit for communications services to candidates for federal office; and (6) section 64.5001(a)-(c)(2), and (c)(4), which imposed certain reporting and certification requirements on prepaid calling card providers. The Order also found that references to telegraph service in other rules are unnecessary and deleted them from the CFR. Specifically, it removed telegraph from: (1) Section 36.126 (separations); (2) section 54.706(a)(13) (universal service contributions); and (3) sections 63.60(c), 63.61, 63.62, 63.65(a)(4), 63.500(g), 63.501(g), and 63.504(k) (discontinuance). It also granted forbearance from the application of all exit regulation pursuant to section

214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended, to telegraph service.

*Timetable:*

| Action                    | Date     | FR Cite     |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM .....                | 05/06/15 | 80 FR 25989 |
| R&O .....                 | 10/20/17 | 82 FR 48774 |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**501. Numbering Policies for Modern Communications, WC Docket No. 13-97**

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 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.

Finally, 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.

*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 |
| Next Action Undetermined. |          |             |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3060-AK36

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

*E.O. 13771 Designation:* Independent agency.

*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 health care 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 Health Care.

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 April 19, 2018, the Commission decided the legacy support issue arising from the ongoing reform and modernization of the universal service fund and intercarrier compensation systems.

On May 29, 2018, the Commission approved additional funding to restore communications networks in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and sought comment on almost \$900 million in long-term funding for network expansion.

On June 25, 2018, the Commission addressed the current funding shortfall in the Rural Healthcare Program by raising the annual program budget cap to \$571 million.

*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 |
| Next Action Undetermined.      |          |              |

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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