

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Chapter I****Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions—Fall 2020**

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.

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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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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

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418	Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls (CG Docket No. 17–59)	3060–AK62

ECONOMICS—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU—COMPLETED ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
432	Streamlining Licensing Procedures for Small Satellites; IB Docket No. 18–86	3060–AK88

MEDIA BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
433	Authorizing Permissive Use of the “Next Generation” Broadcast Television Standard (GN Docket No. 16–142).	3060–AK56
434	2018 Quadrennial Regulatory Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules (MB Docket 18–349).	3060–AK77
435	Children’s Television Programming Rules (MB Docket 18–202)	3060–AK78
436	Amendment of Part 74 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding FM Translator Interference (MB Docket 18–119).	3060–AK79
437	Equal Employment Opportunity Enforcement (MB Docket 19–177)	3060–AK86
438	Revision of the Commission’s Part 76 Review Procedures (MB Docket No. 20–70)	3060–AL08
439	Significantly Viewed Stations (MB Docket No. 20–73)	3060–AL09
440	Promoting Broadcast Internet Innovation through ATSC 3.0 (MB Docket No. 20–145)	3060–AL10

OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
442	Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements: PS Docket No. 07–114	3060–AJ52
443	Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhancing Submarine Cable Outage Data; GN Docket No. 15–206.	3060–AK39
444	Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications: PS Docket No. 15–80.	3060–AK40
445	New Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; ET Docket No. 04–35	3060–AK41
446	Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA): PS Docket No. 15–91	3060–AK54
447	Blue Alert EAS Event Code	3060–AK63

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
448	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
449	Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Certain Aviation Ground Station Equipment (Squitter) (WT Docket Nos. 10-61 and 09-42).	3060-AJ88
450	Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Wireless Contraband Device Use in Correctional Facilities; GN Docket No. 13-111.	3060-AK06
451	Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band; GN Docket No. 17-258	3060-AK12
452	Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Services—Spectrum Frontiers: WT Docket 10-112	3060-AK44
453	Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band	3060-AK75
454	Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band: GN Docket No. 18-122	3060-AK76
455	Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Promote Aviation Safety: WT Docket No. 19-140	3060-AK92

WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
456	Local Telephone Networks That LECs Must Make Available to Competitors	3060-AH44
457	Numbering Resource Optimization	3060-AH80
458	Jurisdictional Separations	3060-AJ06
459	Rural Call Completion; WC Docket No. 13-39	3060-AJ89
460	Rates for Inmate Calling Services; WC Docket No. 12-375	3060-AK08
461	Comprehensive Review of the Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts (WC Docket No. 14-130)	3060-AK20
462	Restoring Internet Freedom (WC Docket No. 17-108); Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet (GN Docket No. 14-28).	3060-AK21
463	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
464	Implementation of the Universal Service Portions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act	3060-AK57
465	Toll Free Assignment Modernization and Toll Free Service Access Codes: WC Docket No. 17-192, CC Docket No. 95-155.	3060-AK91
466	Call Authentication Trust Anchor	3060-AL00
467	Implementation of the National Suicide Improvement Act of 2018	3060-AL01
468	Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an Era of Next-Generation Networks and Services	3060-AL02
469	Eliminating Ex Ante Pricing Regulation and Tariffing of Telephone Access Charges (WC Docket 20-71) ...	3060-AL03

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

Long-Term Actions

414. 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

Action	Date	FR Cite
Order Effective	08/25/03	
Order on Recon- sideration.	08/25/03	68 FR 50978
Order	10/14/03	68 FR 59130
FNPRM	03/31/04	69 FR 16873
Order	10/08/04	69 FR 60311
Order	10/28/04	69 FR 62816
Order on Recon- sideration.	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 Recon- sideration.	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 (Re- consideration Petitions Filed).	10/03/12	77 FR 60343
Announcement of Effective Date.	10/16/12	77 FR 63240
Opposition End Date.	10/18/12	
Rule Corrections	11/08/12	77 FR 66935
Declaratory Ruling (release date).	11/29/12	

Action	Date	FR Cite
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 R&O	07/05/16	
Declaratory Ruling	11/16/16	81 FR 80594
Declaratory Ruling	12/06/19	
Declaratory Ruling	12/09/19	
Order	03/17/20	
Declaratory Ruling	03/20/20	
Declaratory Ruling and Order.	06/25/20	
Declaratory Ruling	06/25/20	
Order on Recon- sideration.	08/28/20	
Next Action Under- terminated.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-A114

**415. 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
Order on Reconsideration.	08/31/05	70 FR 51643
R&O	08/31/05	70 FR 51649
Order	09/14/05	70 FR 54294
Order	09/14/05	70 FR 54298
Public Notice	10/12/05	70 FR 59346
R&O/Order on Reconsideration.	12/23/05	70 FR 76208
Order	12/28/05	70 FR 76712
Order	12/29/05	70 FR 77052
NPRM	02/01/06	71 FR 5221
Declaratory Ruling/Clarification.	05/31/06	71 FR 30818
FNPRM	05/31/06	71 FR 30848
FNPRM	06/01/06	71 FR 31131
Declaratory Ruling/Dismissal of Petition.	06/21/06	71 FR 35553
Clarification	06/28/06	71 FR 36690
Declaratory Ruling on Reconsideration.	07/06/06	71 FR 38268
Order on Reconsideration.	08/16/06	71 FR 47141
MO&O	08/16/06	71 FR 47145
Clarification	08/23/06	71 FR 49380
FNPRM	09/13/06	71 FR 54009
Final Rule; Clarification.	02/14/07	72 FR 6960

Action	Date	FR Cite	Action	Date	FR Cite
Order	03/14/07	72 FR 11789	Petition for Reconsideration;	12/16/13	78 FR 76096
R&O	08/06/07	72 FR 43546	Request for Comment.		
Public Notice	08/16/07	72 FR 46060		12/16/13	78 FR 76097
Order	11/01/07	72 FR 61813	Petition for Reconsideration;		
Public Notice	01/04/08	73 FR 863	Request for Comment.		
R&O/Declaratory Ruling.	01/17/08	73 FR 3197		12/30/13	78 FR 79362
Order	02/19/08	73 FR 9031	Request for Clarification; Re-		
Order	04/21/08	73 FR 21347	quest for Com-		
R&O	04/21/08	73 FR 21252	ment; Correc-		
Order	04/23/08	73 FR 21843	tion.	01/10/14	
Public Notice	04/30/08	73 FR 23361	Petition for Re-		
Order	05/15/08	73 FR 28057	consideration		
Declaratory Ruling	07/08/08	73 FR 38928	Comment Pe-		
FNPRM	07/18/08	73 FR 41307	riod End.	01/21/14	
R&O	07/18/08	73 FR 41286	NPRM Comment		
Public Notice	08/01/08	73 FR 45006	Period End.		
Public Notice	08/05/08	73 FR 45354	Announcement of	07/11/14	79 FR 40003
Public Notice	10/10/08	73 FR 60172	Effective Date.		
Order	10/23/08	73 FR 63078	Announcement of	08/28/14	79 FR 51446
2nd R&O and Order on Reconsideration.	12/30/08	73 FR 79683	Effective Date.		
Order	05/06/09	74 FR 20892	Correction—An-	08/28/14	79 FR 51450
Public Notice	05/07/09	74 FR 21364	nouncement of		
NPRM	05/21/09	74 FR 23815	Effective Date.		
Public Notice	05/21/09	74 FR 23859	Technical Amend-	09/09/14	79 FR 53303
Public Notice	06/12/09	74 FR 28046	ments.		
Order	07/29/09	74 FR 37624	Public Notice	09/15/14	79 FR 54979
Public Notice	08/07/09	74 FR 39699	R&O and Order ...	10/21/14	79 FR 62875
Order	09/18/09	74 FR 47894	FNPRM	10/21/14	79 FR 62935
Order	10/26/09	74 FR 54913	FNPRM Comment		
Public Notice	05/12/10	75 FR 26701	Period End.		
Order Denying Stay Motion (Release Date).	07/09/10		Final Action (An-	10/30/14	79 FR 64515
Order	08/13/10	75 FR 49491	nouncement of		
Order	09/03/10	75 FR 54040	Effective Date).		
NPRM	11/02/10	75 FR 67333	Final Rule Effec-	10/30/14	
NPRM	05/02/11	76 FR 24442	tive.		
Order	07/25/11	76 FR 44326	FNPRM	11/08/15	80 FR 72029
Final Rule (Order)	09/27/11	76 FR 59551	FNPRM Comment	01/01/16	
Final Rule; An-	11/22/11	76 FR 72124	Period End.		
nouncement of Effective Date.			Public Notice	01/20/16	81 FR 3085
Proposed Rule (Public Notice).	02/28/12	77 FR 11997	Public Notice	02/16/16	
Proposed Rule (FNPRM).	02/01/12	77 FR 4948	Comment Pe-		
First R&O	07/25/12	77 FR 43538	riod End.		
Public Notice	10/29/12	77 FR 65526	R&O	03/21/16	81 FR 14984
Order on Reconsideration.	12/26/12	77 FR 75894	FNPRM	08/24/16	81 FR 57851
Order	02/05/13	78 FR 8030	FNPRM Comment	09/14/16	
Order (Interim Rule).	02/05/13	78 FR 8032	Period End.		
NPRM	02/05/13	78 FR 8090	NOI and FNPRM	04/12/17	82 FR 17613
Announcement of Effective Date.	03/07/13	78 FR 14701	NOI and FNPRM	05/30/17	
NPRM Comment	03/13/13		Comment Pe-		
Period End.			riod End.		
FNPRM	07/05/13	78 FR 40407	R&O	04/13/17	82 FR 17754
FNPRM Comment	09/18/13		R&O	04/27/17	82 FR 19322
Period End.			FNPRM	04/27/17	82 FR 19347
R&O	07/05/13	78 FR 40582	FNPRM Comment	07/11/17	
R&O	08/15/13	78 FR 49693	Period End.		
FNPRM	08/15/13	78 FR 49717	R&O	06/23/17	82 FR 28566
FNPRM Comment	09/30/13		Public Notice	07/21/17	82 FR 33856
Period End.			Public Notice—	07/25/17	82 FR 34471
R&O	08/30/13	78 FR 53684	Correction.		
FNPRM	09/03/13	78 FR 54201	Public Notice	07/31/17	
NPRM	10/23/13	78 FR 63152	Comment Pe-		
FNPRM Comment	11/18/13		riod End.		
Period End.			Public Notice—	08/17/17	
			Correction		
			Comment Pe-		
			riod End.		
			R&O	08/22/17	82 FR 39673
			Announcement of	10/17/17	82 FR 48203
			Effective Date.		

Action	Date	FR Cite	program and threatened its long-term viability. The Commission also considers the most effective and efficient way to make VRS available and to determine what is the most fair, efficient, and transparent cost-recovery methodology. In addition, the Commission looks at various ways to measure the quality of VRS so as to ensure a better consumer experience.	Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice; Petition for Reconsideration.	10/25/17	82 FR 49303	<i>Timetable:</i>	Final Action (Announcement of Effective Date).	10/30/14	79 FR 64515
Oppositions Due Date.	11/20/17			Final Rule Effective.	10/30/14	
R&O and Declaratory Ruling.	06/27/18	83 FR 30082		FNPRM	11/18/15	80 FR 72029
FNPRM	07/18/18	83 FR 33899		FNPRM Comment Period End.	02/01/16	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	11/15/18			R&O	03/21/16	81 FR 14984
Public Notice	08/23/18	83 FR 42630		FNPRM	08/24/16	81 FR 57851
Public Notice Opposition Period End.	09/17/18			FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/14/16	
Announcement of Effective Date.	02/04/19	84 FR 1409		NOI and FNPRM NOI and FNPRM Comment Period End.	04/12/17	82 FR 17613
R&O	03/08/19	84 FR 8457			05/30/17	
FNPRM	03/14/19	84 FR 9276		R&O	04/13/17	82 FR 17754
FNPRM Comment Period End.	04/29/19			R&O	04/27/17	82 FR 19322
R&O	06/06/19	84 FR 26364		FNPRM	04/27/17	82 FR 19347
FNPRM	06/06/19	84 FR 26379		FNPRM Comment Period End.	07/01/17	
Petition for Recon Request for Comment.	06/18/19	84 FR 28264		Order	06/23/17	82 FR 28566
Petition for Recon Comment Period End.	07/15/19			Public Notice	07/21/17	82 FR 33856
FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/05/19			Public Notice Comment Period End.	07/31/17	
R&O	01/06/20	85 FR 462		Public Notice Correction.	07/25/17	82 FR 34471
R&O	01/09/20	85 FR 1125		Public Notice Correction Comment Period End.	08/17/17	
NPRM	01/09/20	85 FR 1134		R&O and Order ...	08/22/17	82 FR 39673
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/13/20			Announcement of Effective Date.	10/17/17	82 FR 48203
Announcement of Effective Date.	02/19/20	85 FR 9392		Public Notice; Petition for Reconsideration.	10/25/17	82 FR 49303
Final Rule; removal of compliance notices.	05/06/20	85 FR 26857		Oppositions Due Date.	11/20/17	
Report & Order ...	05/08/20	85 FR 27309		R&O	06/06/19	84 FR 26364
Final Rule; correction.	08/26/20	85 FR 52489		FNPRM	06/06/19	84 FR 26379
Next Action Undetermined.				FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/05/19	
				Report & Order ...	05/08/20	85 FR 27309
				Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AI15

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

Abstract: The Commission takes a fresh look at its VRS rules to ensure that it is available to and used by the full spectrum of eligible users, encourages innovation, and is provided efficiently to be less susceptible to the waste, fraud, and abuse that have plagued the

program and threatened its long-term viability. The Commission also considers the most effective and efficient way to make VRS available and to determine what is the most fair, efficient, and transparent cost-recovery methodology. In addition, the Commission looks at various ways to measure the quality of VRS so as to ensure a better consumer experience.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Declaratory Ruling	05/07/10	75 FR 25255
Declaratory Ruling	07/13/10	75 FR 39945
Order	07/13/10	75 FR 39859
Notice of Inquiry ..	07/19/10	75 FR 41863
NPRM	08/23/10	75 FR 51735
Interim Final Rule	02/15/11	76 FR 8659
Public Notice	03/02/11	76 R 11462
R&O	05/02/11	76 FR 24393
FNPRM	05/02/11	76 FR 24437
NPRM	05/02/11	76 FR 24442
R&O (Correction)	05/27/11	76 FR 30841
Order	07/25/11	76 FR 44326
2nd R&O	08/05/11	76 FR 47469
Order (Interim Final Rule).	08/05/11	76 FR 47476
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	09/26/11	76 FR 59269
Final Rule; Petition for Reconsideration; Public Notice.	09/27/11	76 FR 59557
Oppositions Due Date.	10/07/11	
Final Rule; Clarification (MO&O).	10/31/11	76 FR 67070
FNPRM	10/31/11	76 FR 67118
Interim Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/03/11	76 FR 68116
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/04/11	76 FR 68328
Final Rule; Announcement of Effective Date.	11/07/11	76 FR 68642
FNPRM Comment Period End.	12/30/11	
FNPRM	02/01/12	77 FR 4948
FNPRM Comment Period End.	03/19/12	
Final Rule; Correction.	03/27/12	77 FR 18106
Correcting Amendments.	06/07/12	77 FR 33662
Order (Release Date).	07/25/12	
Correcting Amendments.	10/04/12	77 FR 60630
Public Notice	10/29/12	77 FR 65526
Comment Period End.	11/29/12	
FNPRM	07/05/13	78 FR 40407
R&O	07/05/13	78 FR 40582
FNPRM Comment Period End.	09/18/13	
Public Notice	09/11/13	78 FR 55696
Public Notice	09/15/14	79 FR 54979
Comment Period End.	10/10/14	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AJ42

417. 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 Federal Communications Commission (FCC) initiated this proceeding in its effort to ensure that Internet-Protocol Captioned

Telephone Service (IP CTS) is provided effectively and in the most efficient manner. In doing so, the FCC adopted rules to address certain practices related to the provision and marketing of IP CTS, as well as compensation of TRS providers. IP CTS is a form of relay service designed to allow people with hearing loss to speak directly to another party on a telephone call and to simultaneously listen to the other party and read captions of what that party is saying over an IP-enabled device. To ensure that IP CTS is provided efficiently to persons who need to use this service, the Commission adopted rules establishing several requirements and issued an FNPRM to address additional issues.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/05/13	78 FR 8090
Order (Interim Rule).	02/05/13	78 FR 8032
Order	02/05/13	78 FR 8030
Announcement of Effective Date.	03/07/13	78 FR 14701
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/12/13	
R&O	08/30/13	78 FR 53684
FNPRM	09/03/13	78FR 54201
FNPRM Comment Period End.	11/18/13	
Petition for Reconsideration Request for Comment.	12/16/13	78 FR 76097
Petition for Reconsideration Comment Period End.	01/10/14	
Announcement of Effective Date.	07/11/14	79 FR 40003
Announcement of Effective Date.	08/28/14	79 FR 51446
Correction—Announcement of Effective Date.	08/28/14	79 FR 51450
Technical Amendments.	09/09/14	79 FR 53303
R&O and Declaratory Ruling.	06/27/18	83 FR 30082
FNPRM	07/18/18	83 FR 33899
Public Notice	08/23/18	83 FR 42630
Public Notice Opposition Period End.	09/17/18	
FNPRM Comment Period End.	11/15/18	
Announcement of Effective Date.	02/04/19	84 FR 1409
R&O	03/08/19	84 FR 8457
FNPRM	03/14/19	84 FR 9276
FNPRM Comment Period End.	04/29/19	
Petition for Recon Request for Comment.	06/18/19	84 FR 28264
Petition for Recon Comment Period End.	07/15/19	
R&O	01/06/20	85 FR 462

Action	Date	FR Cite
Announcement of Effective Date.	02/19/20	85 FR 9392
Final Rule; removal of compliance notes.	05/06/20	85 FR 26857
Final Rule; correction.	08/26/20	85 FR 52489
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060–AK01

418. 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 and 202; 47 U.S.C. 227; 47 U.S.C. 251(e)

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

Timetable:

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

Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice Seeking Comment on Reassigned Numbers.	01/24/20	
Public Notice Seeking Comment on RND Cost/Fee Structure.	02/26/20	
Public Notice Establishing Guidelines for RND.	04/16/20	
Report	06/25/20	
3rd NPRM Comment Date.	06/26/20	
Announcement of Compliance Dates.	06/26/20	85 FR 38334
3rd R&O, Order of Reconsideration, 4th FNPRM.	07/31/20	85 FR 46063
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

Economics

Long-Term Actions

419. 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
NPRM	05/16/07	72 FR 27519
Order	07/02/08	73 FR 37861
Order	10/15/08	73 FR 60997
NPRM	02/08/11	76 FR 10827
Order	06/27/13	78 FR 49126
NPRM	08/24/17	82 FR 40118
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/25/17	
NPRM Reply Comment Pe- riod End.	10/10/17	
R&O and FNPRM Next Action Unde- termined.	08/22/19	84 FR 43764

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AJ15

**420. 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 the
Commission is implementing in two
phases. Mobility Fund Phase I consisted
of two reverse auctions that provided
initial infusions 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. The Mobility Fund Phase II
(MF-II) reverse auction aims to provide
support funds over a 10-year term to
support build-out of current and next-
generation wireless infrastructure in
areas where unsubsidized services are
unavailable. MF-II began with a one-
time collection of existing wireless
broadband coverage data from current
providers to determine the areas in
which qualified service has been
deployed, which data was used to create
a map of areas presumptively eligible
for MF-II support. Entities could
challenge asserted unsubsidized 4G LTE
coverage through the Mobility Fund
Phase II challenge process, and
providers may file response data
countering challenges. The results of the
challenge process will determine the

final list of areas eligible for funding
through the MF-II auction.

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
Order and MO&O	08/30/18	83 FR 44241
NPRM	08/30/18	83 FR 44254
3rd R&O	03/06/19	84 FR 8003
Next Action Unde- termined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: Yes.

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**421. 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
BIA consist of a reverse auction “to
determine the amount of compensation
that each broadcast television licensee
would accept in return for voluntarily
relinquishing some or all of its spectrum
usage rights” and a forward auction of
licenses in the reallocated spectrum for
flexible-use services, including mobile
broadband. Broadcast television
licensees who elected to voluntarily
participate in the auction had three
bidding options: Go off-the-air, share
spectrum with another broadcast
television licensee, or move channels to
the upper or lower VHS band in
exchange for receiving part of the
proceeds from auctioning that spectrum
to wireless providers. The Spectrum Act
also authorized the Commission to
reorganize the 600 MHz band following
the BIA including, as necessary,
reassigning full power and Class A
television stations to new channels in
order to clear the spectrum sold in the
BIA. That post-auction reorganization
(known as the repack) is currently
underway and all of the stations who
were assigned new channels are
scheduled to have vacated their pre-
auction channels by July 3, 2020,
pursuant to a 10-phase transition
schedule adopted by the Commission.

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

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

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

Office of Engineering and Technology Long-Term Actions

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

Abstract: In this proceeding, the FCC seeks to establish rules describing guidelines and procedures to implement the stated policy goal of section 7 to encourage the provision of new technologies and services to the public. Although the forces of competition and technological growth work together to enable the development and

deployment of many new technologies and services to the public, the Commission has at times been slow to identify and take action to ensure that important new technologies or services are made available as quickly as possible. The Commission has sought to overcome these impediments by streamlining many of its processes but all too often regulatory delays can adversely impact newly proposed technologies or services.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060–AK80

423. Spectrum Horizon (ET Docket No. 18–21)

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

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

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060–AK81

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

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

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060–AK96

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)*International Bureau*

Long-Term Actions

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/13/11	76 FR 42625
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/02/11	
Report and Order	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

426. 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
FNPRM Comment Period End.	01/02/18	
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060–AK59

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

Abstract: In June 2017, the Commission began a rulemaking to streamline, consolidate, and harmonize rules governing earth stations in motion (ESIMs) used to provide satellite-based services on ships, airplanes and vehicles communicating with geostationary-satellite orbit (GSO), fixed-satellite service (FSS) satellite systems. In September 2018, the Commission adopted rules governing communications of ESIMs with GSO satellites. These rules addressed communications in the conventional C-, Ku-, and Ka-bands, as well as portions of the extended Ku-band. At the same time, the Commission also released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that sought comment on allowing ESIMs to operate in all of the frequency bands in which earth stations at fixed locations operating in GSO FSS satellite networks can be blanket-licensed. Specifically, comment was sought on expanding the frequencies available for communications of ESIMs with GSO FSS satellites to include the following frequency bands: 10.7–10.95 GHz, 11.2–11.45 GHz, 17.8–18.3 GHz, 18.8–19.3 GHz, 19.3–19.4 GHz, 19.6–19.7 GHz (space-to-Earth); and 28.6–29.1 GHz (Earth-to-space).

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060–AK84

428. Further Streamlining Part 25 Rules Governing Satellite Services: IB Docket No. 18–314

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

Abstract: Under the Commission's rules, satellite operators must follow separate application and authorization processes for the satellites and earth stations that make up their networks and have no option for a single, unified network license. In this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the FCC proposes to create a new, optional, unified license to include both space stations and earth stations operating in a geostationary-satellite orbit, fixed-satellite service (GSO FSS) satellite network. In addition, the Commission proposes to repeal or modify unnecessarily burdensome rules in Part 25 governing satellite services, such as annual reporting requirements. These proposals would greatly simplify the Commission's licensing and regulation of satellite systems.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/31/19	84 FR 638
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/18/19	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	04/16/19	
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AK87

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

Abstract: In November 2018, the Commission adopted a notice of proposed rulemaking that proposed to expand the scope of the Commission's rules governing ESIMs operations to cover communications with NGSO FSS satellites. Comment was sought on establishing a regulatory framework for communications of ESIMs with NGSO FSS satellites that would be analogous to that which exists for ESIMs communicating with GSO FSS satellites. In this context, comment was sought on: (1) Allowing ESIMs to communicate in many of the same conventional Ku-band, extended Ku-band, and Ka-band frequencies that were allowed for

communications of ESIMs with GSO FSS satellites (with the exception of the 18.6–18.8 GHz and 29.25–29.5 GHz frequency bands); (2) extending blanket licensing to ESIMs communicating with NGSO satellites; and (3) revisions to specific provisions in the Commission's rules to implement these changes. The specific frequency bands for communications of ESIMs with NGOS FSS satellites on which comment was sought are as follows: 10.7–11.7 GHz; 11.7–12.2 GHz; 14.0–14.5 GHz; 17.8–18.3 GHz; 18.3–18.6 GHz; 18.8–19.3 GHz; 19.3–19.4 GHz; 19.6–19.7 GHz; 19.7–20.2 GHz; 28.35–28.6 GHz; 28.6–29.1 GHz; and 29.5–30.0 GHz.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AK89

430. Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age: IB Docket No. 18-313

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

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

The NPRM proposes changes to improve disclosure of debris mitigation plans. The NPRM also makes proposals and seeks comment related to satellite disposal reliability and methodology, appropriate deployment altitudes in low-Earth-orbit, and on-orbit lifetime, with a particular focus on large NGSO satellite constellations. Other aspects of the NPRM include new rule proposals

for geostationary orbit satellite (GSO) license term extension requests, and consideration of disclosure requirements related to several emerging technologies and new types of commercial operations, including rendezvous and proximity operations.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AK90

431. • Process Reform for Executive Branch Review of Certain FCC Applications and Petitions Involving Foreign Ownership (IB Docket No. 16-155)

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/27/20	85 FR 29914
NPRM	07/02/20	
NPRM	07/19/20	
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/02/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

International Bureau

Completed Actions

432. Streamlining Licensing Procedures for Small Satellites; IB Docket No. 18- 86

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent
agency.

Legal Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47
U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 158; 47 U.S.C. 301;
47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C.308; 47
U.S.C.309

Abstract: On April 17, 2018, the
Commission released a Notice of
Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)
proposing to modify the Commission's
part 25 satellite licensing rules to create
a new category of application specific to
small satellites. The Commission sought
comment on criteria that would define
this new category and proposed that
applicants meeting the criteria could
take advantage of a simplified
application, faster processing, and lower
fees, among other things. The proposed
streamlined licensing process was
developed based on the features and
characteristics that typically distinguish
small satellite operations from other
types of satellite operations, such as
shorter orbital lifetime and less
intensive frequency use. The NPRM
detailed this small satellite procedure,
which would serve as an optional
alternative to existing procedures for
authorization of small satellites. The
NPRM also provided background
information on the Commission's other
processes for licensing and authorizing
small satellites, including under the
experimental (part 5) and amateur (part
97) rules, although no changes were
proposed to either of those parts. The
NPRM also sought comment on topics
related to spectrum use by small
satellites. The Commission asked for
comment on typical small satellite
frequency use characteristics, how to
facilitate compatibility with Federal
operations, use of particular spectrum
for inter-satellite links by small
satellites, and other issues related to
operations by small satellites in
frequency bands. Finally, the NPRM
sought comment on the appropriate
application fee that would apply to the
proposed optional part 25 streamlined

process. The Commission proposed a
\$30,000 application fee. It noted that
any changes to the annual regulatory
fees applicable to the small satellites
authorized under the streamlined
process would be addressed through the
separate annual proceeding for review
of regulatory fees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/18/18	83 FR 24064
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/07/18	
R&O	07/20/20	85 FR 43711

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Required:* Yes.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

Media Bureau

Long-Term Actions

433. 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 to 309; 47
U.S.C. 316; 47 U.S.C. 319; 47 U.S.C.
325(b); 47 U.S.C. 336; 47 U.S.C. 399(b);
47 U.S.C. 403; 47 U.S.C. 534; 47 U.S.C.
535

Abstract: In this proceeding, the
Commission seeks to authorize
television broadcasters to use the "Next
Generation" ATSC 3.0 broadcast
television transmission standard on a
voluntary, market-driven basis, while
they continue to deliver current-
generation digital television broadcast
service to their viewers. In the Report
and Order, the Commission adopted
rules to afford broadcasters flexibility to
deploy ATSC 3.0-based transmissions,
while minimizing the impact on, and
costs to, consumers and other industry
stakeholders.

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/10/17	82 FR 13285

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/09/17	
FNPRM	12/20/17	82 FR 60350
R&O	02/02/18	83 FR 4998
FNPRM Comment Period End.	02/20/18	
FNPRM Reply Comment Pe- riod End.	03/20/18	
NPRM	05/13/20	85 FR 28586
2nd R&O Order on Recon. Next Action Unde- termined.	07/17/20	85 FR 43478

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AK56

434. 2018 Quadrennial Regulatory Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules (MB Docket 18-349)

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.
257; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47
U.S.C. 309 and 310; 47 U.S.C. 403; sec.
202(h) of the Telecommunications Act

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/28/19	84FR 6741
Next Action Unde- termined.		

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Required:* Yes.

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

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

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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436. Amendment of Part 74 of the Commission's Rules Regarding FM Translator Interference (MB Docket 18-119)

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. 301; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 307 to 309; 47 U.S.C. 316; 47 U.S.C. 319

Abstract: In this proceeding, the Commission proposes to streamline the rules relating to interference caused by FM translators and expedite the translator complaint resolution process. The rule changes are intended to limit or avoid protracted and contentious interference resolution disputes, provide translator licensees both additional flexibility to remediate interference and additional investment certainty, and allow earlier and expedited resolution of interference complaints by affected stations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/06/18	83 FR 26229
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/06/18	
R&O	06/14/19	84 FR 27734
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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

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. 334; 47 U.S.C. 554

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

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AK86

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

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. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 536; 47 U.S.C. 548; 47 U.S.C. 573

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/16/20	85 FR 21131
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/18/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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439. • Significantly Viewed Stations (MB Docket No. 20-73)

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 325; 47 U.S.C. 339; 47 U.S.C. 340; 47 U.S.C. 534

Abstract: In this proceeding, the Commission reviews the methodology for determining whether a television broadcast station is significantly viewed in a community outside of its local television market and thus may be treated as a local station in that community. Under the Commission's rules, a significantly viewed station is permitted to be carried by cable systems and satellite operators. The existing process for determining a station's significantly viewed status was adopted nearly fifty years ago, and marketplace changes during this period lead the Commission to this examination of whether this process has become outdated or overly burdensome, particularly for smaller entities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/14/20	85 FR 20649
ANPRM Comment Period End.	05/14/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

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Required: Yes.*

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440. • Promoting Broadcast Internet Innovation Through ATSC 3.0 (MB Docket No. 20-145)

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. 303(r); 47 U.S.C. 336

Abstract: In this proceeding, the Commission reassess its existing rules in light of the broadcast television conversion to ATSC 3.0 as the new TV transmission standard to ensure that its rules help to foster the introduction of new services and the efficient use of spectrum.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/16/20	85 FR 43195
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/17/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

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Required: Yes.*

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

Office of Managing Director

Long-Term Actions

441. 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 Federal Communications Commission to recover the cost of its activities by assessing and collecting annual regulatory fees from beneficiaries of the activities.

Timetable:

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

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/20/07	72 FR 33948
R&O	02/14/08	73 FR 8617
Public Notice	09/25/08	73 FR 55473
FNPRM; NOI	11/02/10	75 FR 67321
Public Notice	11/18/09	74 FR 59539
2nd R&O	11/18/10	75 FR 70604
Second NPRM	08/04/11	76 FR 47114
Second NPRM Comment Period End.	11/02/11	
Final Rule	04/28/11	76 FR 23713
NPRM, 3rd R&O, and 2nd FNPRM.	09/28/11	76 FR 59916
3rd FNPRM	03/28/14	79 FR 17820

Action	Date	FR Cite
Order Extending Comment Period.	06/10/14	79 FR 33163
3rd FNPRM Comment Period End.	07/14/14	
Public Notice (Release Date).	11/20/14	
Public Notice Comment Period End.	12/17/14	
4th R&O	03/04/15	80 FR 11806
Final Rule	08/03/15	80 FR 45897
Order Granting Waiver.	07/10/17	
NPRM	09/26/18	83 FR 54180
4th NPRM	03/18/19	84 FR 13211
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060-AJ52

443. 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).	09/18/15	
R&O	06/24/16	81 FR 52354
Petitions for Recon.	09/08/16	
Petitions for Recon—Public Comment.	10/17/16	81 FR 75368
Order on Recon.	12/20/19	
Order on Recon ..	12/20/19	
Next Action Undetermined.		

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: Yes.*

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RIN: 3060-AK39

444. 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: Sec. 1, 4(i), 4(j), 4(o), 251(e)(3), 254, 301, 303(b), 303(g), 303(r), 307, 309(a), 309(j); 316, 332, 403, 615a-1, and 615c of Pub. L. 73-416, 4 Stat. 1064, as amended; and section 706 of Pub. L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56; 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i)-(j) & (o), 251(e)(3), 254, 301, 303(b), 303(g), 303(r), 307; 309(a), 309(j), 316, 332, 403, 615a-1, 615c, and 1302, unless otherwise noted

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM, 2nd R&O, Order on Recon.	06/16/15	80 FR 34321
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/31/15	
R&O	07/12/16	81 FR 45055
FNPRM, 1 Part 4 R&O, Order on Recon.	08/11/16	81 FR 45059
Order Denying Reply Comment Deadline Extension Request.	09/08/16	

Action	Date	FR Cite
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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RIN: 3060-AK40

445. 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 and 155; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 251; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 316

Abstract: The proceeding creates a new part 4 in title 47 and amends part 63.100. The proceeding updates the Commission's communication disruptions reporting rules for wireline providers formerly in 47 CFR 63.100 and extends these rules to other non-wireline providers. Through this proceeding, the Commission streamlines the reporting process through an electronic template. The Report and Order received several petitions for reconsideration, of which two were eventually withdrawn. In 2015, seven were addressed in an Order on Reconsideration and in 2016 another petition was addressed in an Order on Reconsideration. One petition (CPUC Petition) remains pending regarding NORS database sharing with States, which is addressed in a separate proceeding, PS Docket 15-80. To the extent the communication disruption rules cover VoIP, the Commission studies and addresses these questions in a separate docket, PS Docket 11-82.

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/26/04	69 FR 15761
R&O	11/26/04	69 FR 68859
Denial for Petition for Partial Stay.	12/02/04	
Seek Comment on Petition for Recon.	02/02/10	
Reply Period End	03/19/10	
Seek Comment on Broadband and Inter-connected VOIP Service Providers.	07/02/10	
Reply Period End 2nd R&O, and Order on Recon, NPRM.	08/16/12	
R&O	06/16/15	80 FR 34321
FNPRM, 1 Part 4 R&O, Order on Recon.	07/12/16	81 FR 45055
Order Denying Extension of Time to File Reply Comments.	08/11/16	81 FR 45095, 81 FR 45055
Announcement of Effective Date for Rule Changes in R&O.	09/08/16	
Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule-making.	06/22/17	82 FR 28410
	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AK41

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

Timetable:

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

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AK54

447. 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. On December 14, 2017, the Commission released an Order adopting a new Blue Alert EAS Code-BLU. EAS participants must be able to implement the BLU

code by January 19, 2019. BLU alerts must be available to wireless emergency alerts by July, 2019.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Long-Term Actions

448. 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

Action	Date	FR Cite
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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449. Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Certain Aviation Ground Station Equipment (Squitter) (WT Docket Nos. 10-61 and 09-42)

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

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

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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450. 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
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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451. 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 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 302(a); 47 U.S.C. 303 and 304; 47 U.S.C. 307(e); 47 U.S.C. 316

Abstract: The Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) adopted by the Commission established a new Citizens Broadband Radio Service for shared wireless broadband use of the 3550 to 3700 MHz band. The Citizens Broadband Radio Service is governed by a three-tiered spectrum authorization framework to accommodate a variety of commercial uses on a shared basis with incumbent Federal and non-Federal users of the band. Access and operations will be managed by a dynamic spectrum access system. The three tiers are: Incumbent Access, Priority Access, and General Authorized Access. Rules governing the Citizens Broadband Radio Service are found in part 96 of the Commission's rules.

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

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

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

On July 2020, the Commission commenced an auction of Priority Access Licenses in the band.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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452. 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 and 302; 47 U.S.C. 302(a); 47 U.S.C. 303 and 304; 47 U.S.C. 307; 47 U.S.C. 309 and 310; 47 U.S.C. 316; 47 U.S.C. 319; 47 U.S.C. 332; 47 U.S.C. 336; 47 U.S.C. 1302

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

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AK44

453. Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151 to 153; 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 157; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 301 and 302; 47 U.S.C. 304; 47 U.S.C. 307 to 310; 47 U.S.C. 1302

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/07/18	83 FR 26396
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	06/21/18	83 FR 31515
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/07/18	
Final Rule	10/25/19	84 FR 57343
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AK75

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

Abstract: In the 2020 Report and Order, the Commission adopted rules to make 280 megahertz of mid-band spectrum available for flexible use (plus a 20-megahertz guard band) throughout the contiguous United States. Pursuant to the Report and Order, existing fixed satellite service (FSS) and fixed services (FS) must relocate operations out of the lower portion of the 3.7–4.0 GHz band. The Commission will issue flexible use licenses in the 3.7–3.98 GHz portion of the band in the contiguous United States via a system of competitive bidding. The Commission established rules to govern the transition including optional payments for satellite operators that choose to relocate on an accelerated schedule and provide reimbursement to FSS operators and their associated earth stations for reasonable expenses incurred to facilitate the transition. The Report and Order also established service and technical rules for the new flexible use licenses that will be issued in the 3.7–3.98 GHz portion of the band.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AK76

455. Amendment of the Commission's Rules To Promote Aviation Safety: WT Docket No. 19-140

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

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

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

Wireline Competition Bureau

Long-Term Actions

456. Local Telephone Networks That LECs Must Make Available to Competitors

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 47 U.S.C. 251

Abstract: The Commission adopted rules applicable to incumbent local

exchange carriers (LECs) to permit competitive carriers to access portions of the incumbent LECs' networks on an unbundled basis. Unbundling allows competitors to lease portions of the incumbent LECs' network to provide telecommunications services. These rules, adopted in dockets CC 96–98, WC 01–338, and WC 04–313, are intended to accelerate the development of local exchange competition.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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

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

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

In the NRO Second Report and Order, the Commission adopted a measure that requires all carriers to use at least 60

percent of their numbering resources before they may get additional numbers in a particular area. That 60 percent utilization threshold increases to 75 percent over the next three years. The Commission also established a 5-year term for the national pooling administrator and an auditing program to verify carrier compliance with the Commission's rules. Furthermore, the Commission declined to amend the existing Federal rules for area code relief or specify any new Federal guidelines for the implementation of area code relief. The Commission also declined to state a preference for either all-services overlays or geographic splits as a method of area code relief. Regarding mandatory nationwide 10-digit dialing, the Commission declined to adopt this measure at the present time. Furthermore, the Commission declined to mandate nationwide expansion of the “D digit” (the “N” of an NXX or central office code) to include zero or one, or to grant State commissions the authority to implement the expansion of the “D” digit as a numbering resource optimization measure presently.

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

instances. The Commission also reaffirmed the 180-day reservation period, declined to impose fees to extend the reservation period, and found that State commissions should be allowed password-protected access to the NANP Administrator database for data pertaining to NPAs located within their State. The measures adopted in the NRO orders will allow the Commission to monitor more closely the way numbering resources are used within the NANP, and will promote more efficient allocation and use of NANP resources by tying a carrier's ability to obtain numbering resources more closely to its actual need for numbers to serve its customers.

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

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

required to provide LNP, including commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers that were required to deploy LNP as of November 24, 2003. The Commission specifically exempted from the pooling requirement rural telephone companies and Tier III CMRS providers that have not received a request to provide LNP. The Commission also exempted from the pooling requirement carriers that are the only service provider receiving numbering resources in a given rate center. Additionally, the Commission sought further comment on whether these exemptions should be expanded to include carriers where there are only two service providers receiving numbering resources in the rate center. Finally, the Commission reaffirmed that the 100 largest MSAs are identified in the 1990 U.S. Census reports, as well as those areas included on any subsequent U.S. Census report of the 100 largest MSAs.

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

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

In its 2015 Report and Order, the Commission established an authorization process to enable interconnected VoIP providers that choose to obtain access to North

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

Timetable:

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

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM & NOI	06/19/13	78 FR 36725
R&O	10/29/15	80 FR 66454
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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458. 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 5 years, pending comprehensive reform of the part 36 separations rules. In 2006, the Commission issued an Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that extended the separations freeze for a period of 3 years and sought comment on comprehensive reform. In 2009, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the separations freeze an additional year to June 2010. In 2010, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the separations freeze for an additional year to June 2011. In 2011, the Commission adopted a Report and Order extending the separations freeze for an additional year to June 2012. In 2012, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the separations freeze for an additional 2 years to June 2014. In 2014, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the separations freeze for an additional 3 years to June 2017.

In 2016, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the

separations freeze for an additional 18 months until January 1, 2018. In 2017, the Joint Board issued a Recommended Decision recommending changes to the part 36 rules designed to harmonize them with the Commission's previous amendments to its part 32 accounting rules. In February 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing amendments to part 36 consistent with the Joint Board's recommendations. In October 2018, the Commission issued a Report and Order adopting each of the Joint Board's recommendations and amending the part 36 consistent with those recommendations. In July 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to extend the separations freeze for an additional 15 years and to provide rate-of-return carriers that had elected to freeze their category relationships a time limited opportunity to opt out of that freeze. In December 2018, the Commission issued a Report and Order extending the freeze for up to 6 years until December 31, 2024, and granting rate-of-return carriers that had elected to freeze their category relationships a one-time opportunity to opt out of that freeze.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3060-AJ06

459. Rural Call Completion; WC Docket No. 13-39

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154; 47 U.S.C. 217; 47 U.S.C. 201; 47 U.S.C. 202; 47 U.S.C. 218; 47 U.S.C. 220; 47 U.S.C. 262; 47 U.S.C. 403(b)(2)(B); 47 U.S.C. 251(a); 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 620; 47 U.S.C. 251; 47 U.S.C. 251(e); 47 U.S.C. 254(k); 47 U.S.C. 616; 47 U.S.C. 226; 47 U.S.C. 227; 47 U.S.C. 228; 47 U.S.C. 1401-1473

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

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/12/13	78 FR 21891
Public Notice	05/07/13	78 FR 26572
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/28/13	
R&O and FNPRM	12/17/13	78 FR 76218
PRA 60 Day Notice.	12/30/13	78 FR 79448

Action	Date	FR Cite
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	
3rd Order	08/13/18	83 FR 47296
4th Order	03/15/19	84 FR 25692
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: Yes.

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151 and 152; 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and (j); 47 U.S.C. 225; 47 U.S.C. 276; 47 U.S.C. 303(r); 47 CFR 64; 47 U.S.C. 201

Abstract: In the Second Report and Order, the Federal Communications Commission adopted rule changes to ensure that rates for both interstate and intrastate inmate calling services (ICS) are fair, just, and reasonable limits on ancillary service charges imposed by ICS providers. In the Second Report and Order, the Commission set caps on all interstate and intrastate calling rates for ICS, established a tiered rate structure based on the size and type of facility being served, limited the types of ancillary services that ICS providers may charge for and capped the charges for permitted fees, banned flat-rate calling, facilitated access to ICS by people with disabilities by requiring providers to offer free or steeply discounted rates for calls using TTY, and imposed reporting and certification requirements to facilitate continued

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

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

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

On August 6, 2020, the Commission adopted a Report and Order on Remand and a Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking responding to remands by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and proposing to comprehensively reform rates and charges for the inmate calling services within the Commission’s jurisdiction. The Report and Order on Remand found that the Commission’s five permitted ancillary service charges (1) automated payment fees; (2) fees for single-call and related services; (3) live agent fees; (4) paper bill/statement fees; and (5) third-party financial transaction fees generally, cannot be practically segregated between interstate and intrastate inmate telephone calls, except in a limited number of cases. Accordingly, the Commission prohibited inmate calling services providers from imposing ancillary service fees higher than the Commission’s caps, or imposing fees for additional ancillary services unless imposed in connection with purely intrastate inmate telephone service calls. The Order also reinstated a rule prohibiting providers from marking up third-party fees for single-call services; reinstated rule language that prohibits

providers from marking up mandatory taxes or fees that they pass on to inmate telephone service consumers; and amended certain of the inmate calling services rules consistent with the D.C. Circuit’s mandates to reflect that the Commission’s rate and fee caps on inmate calling service apply only to interstate and international inmate calling. The Fourth FNPRM proposes to substantially reduce the interstate rate cap for inmate telephone calls from the current interim rate caps of \$0.21 per minute for debit or prepaid calls and \$0.25 per minute for collect calls for all types of correctional facilities, to permanent rate caps of \$0.14 per minute for all interstate calls from prisons and \$0.16 for all interstate calls from jails. The Fourth FNPRM also proposes to adopt rate caps for international inmate calling services calls for the first time based on the proposed interstate rate caps, plus the amount that the provider must pay its underlying international service provider for an international call. It also proposes a waiver process for providers that believe the Commission’s rate caps would not allow them to recover their costs of serving a particular facility or contract. Finally, it seeks comment on a further mandatory data collection to continue efforts to reform these rates and fees.

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
Announcement of OMB Approval.	02/06/20	85 FR 6947
Public Notice	02/19/20	85 FR 9444

Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Notice Comment Pe- riod End.	03/20/20	
Public Notice Reply Comment Period End.	04/06/20	
R&O on Remand & 4th FNPRM. Next Action Under- terminated.	08/06/20	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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461. 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 and 220

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

On February 23, 2017, the Commission adopted a Report and Order that revised the part 32 USOA to substantially reduce accounting burdens for both price cap and rate-of-return carriers. First, the Order streamlines the

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

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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462. 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) and (j); 47 U.S.C. 201(b)

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

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/01/14	79 FR 37448
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/18/14	
NPRM Reply Comment Pe- riod End.	09/15/14	
R&O on Remand, Declaratory Rul- ing, and Order.	04/13/15	80 FR 19737
NPRM	06/02/17	82 FR 25568
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/03/17	
Declaratory Rul- ing, R&O, and Order.	02/22/18	83 FR 7852
Next Action Under- terminated.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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

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

On June 7, 2018, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order (Wireline Infrastructure Second Report and Order) taking further actions designed to expedite the transition from

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

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

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

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

Declaratory Ruling. In July 2016, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, and Order on Reconsideration that: (i) Adopted a new test for obtaining streamlined treatment when carriers seek Commission authorization to discontinue legacy services in favor of services based on newer technologies; (ii) set forth consumer education requirements for carriers seeking to discontinue legacy services in favor of services based on newer technologies; (iii) allowed notice to customers of discontinuance applications by email; (iv) required carriers to provide notice of discontinuance applications to Tribal entities; (v) made a technical rule change to create a new title for copper retirement notices and certifications; and (vi) harmonized the timeline for competitive LEC discontinuances caused by incumbent LEC network changes.

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

interpreted section 253(a) of the Communications Act to prohibit State and local express and *de facto* moratoria on the deployment of telecommunications services or facilities and directed the Wireline Competition and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus to act promptly on petitions challenging specific alleged moratoria. Numerous parties filed appeals of the Wireline Infrastructure Third Report and Order, and the appeals were consolidated in the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit. On August 12, 2020, the Ninth Circuit issued an opinion upholding the Wireline Infrastructure Third Report and Order in all respects.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/06/15	80 FR 450
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/05/15	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	03/09/15	
FNPRM	09/25/15	80 FR 57768
R&O	09/25/15	80 FR 57768
FNPRM Comment Period End.	10/26/15	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	11/24/15	
2nd R&O	09/12/16	81 FR 62632
NPRM	05/16/17	82 FR 224533
NPRM Comment Period End.	06/15/17	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	07/17/17	
R&O	12/28/17	82 FR 61520
FNPRM Comment Period End.	01/17/18	
FNPRM Reply Comment Period End.	02/16/18	
2nd R&O	07/09/18	83 FR 31659
3rd R&O	09/14/18	83 FR 46812
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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464. 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 healthcare facilities. The FCC established four programs within the Universal Service Fund to implement the statute: Connect America Fund (formally known as High-Cost Support) for rural areas; Lifeline (for low-income consumers), including initiatives to expand phone service for Native Americans; Schools and Libraries (E-rate); and Rural Healthcare.

The Universal Service Fund is paid for by contributions from telecommunications carriers, including wireline and wireless companies, and interconnected Voice over internet Protocol (VoIP) providers, including cable companies that provide voice service, based on an assessment on their interstate and international end-user revenues. The Universal Service Administrative Company, or USAC, administers the four programs and collects monies for the Universal Service Fund under the direction of the FCC.

On February 7, 2020, the Commission launched \$20 Billion Rural Digital Opportunity Fund.

On April 2, 2020, the Commission fought COVID-19 with \$200M; Adopts Long-Term Connected Care Study.

On July 17, 2020, the Commission integrated provisions of the recently enacted Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Acts of 2019 into the existing supply chain rulemaking.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
R&O and FNPRM	01/13/17	82 FR 4275
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/13/17	
NPRM Reply Comment Period End.	02/27/17	
R&O and Order on Recon.	03/21/17	82 FR 14466
Order on Recon ..	05/19/17	82 FR 22901
Order on Recon ..	06/08/17	82 FR 26653
Memorandum, Opinion & Order.	06/21/17	82 FR 228224
NPRM	07/30/19	84 FR 36865
NPRM	08/21/19	84 FR 43543

Action	Date	FR Cite
R&O and Order on Recon.	11/07/19	84 FR 59937
Order on Recon ..	12/09/19	84 FR 67220
R&O	12/20/19	84 FR 70026
R&O	12/27/19	84 FR 71308
R&O	01/17/20	85 FR 3044
Report & Order ...	03/10/20	85 FR 13773
Report & Order ...	05/11/20	85 FR 19892
Declaratory Ruling/2nd FNPRM.	08/04/20	85 FR 48134
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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

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. 251(e)(1)

Abstract: In this Report and Order (Order), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) initiates an auction to distribute certain toll free numbers. The numbers to be auctioned will be in the new 833 toll free code for which there have been multiple, competing requests.

By using an auction, the FCC will ensure that sought-after numbers are awarded to the parties that value them most. In addition, the FCC will reserve certain 833 numbers for distribution to government and non-profit entities that request them for public health and safety purposes. The FCC will study the results of the auction to determine how to best use the mechanism to distribute toll-free numbers equitably and efficiently in the future as well.

Revenues from the auction will be used to defray the cost of toll-free numbering administration, reducing the cost of numbering for all users. The Order establishing the toll-free number auction will also authorize and accommodate the use of a secondary market for numbers awarded at auction to further distribute these numbers to the entities that value them most. The Order also adopted several definitional and technical updates to improve clarity and flexibility in toll-free number assignment.

The Commission sought comment and then adopted auctions procedures and

deadlines on August 2, 2019. Bidding for the auction occurred on December 17, 2019, and Somos issued an announcement of the winning bidders on December 20, 2019. On December 16, 2019, to facilitate the preparation of its study of the auction, the Bureau charged the North American Numbering Council, via its Toll Free Access Modernization Working Group, to issue a report evaluating various aspects of the 833 Auction, and recommending improvements for any future toll free number auctions.

On January 16, 2020, Somos released all of the 833 Auction data for public review. On March 13, 2020, the Bureau invited public comment on the 833 Auction in preparation for issuing a report on the lessons learned from the Auction. Comments were due on April 13, 2020. On July 14, 2020, the North American Numbering Council approved the Toll Free Assignment Modernization Working Group's report, Perspectives on the December 2019 Auction of Numbers in the 833 Numbering Plan Area.

Timetable:

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

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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466. Call Authentication Trust Anchor

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

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

On December 30, 2019, Congress enacted the Pallone-Thune Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act. Along with numerous other provisions directed at addressing robocalls, the

TRACED Act directs the Commission to require all voice service providers to implement STIR/SHAKEN in the internet Protocol (IP) portions of their networks, and to implement an effective caller ID authentication framework in the non-IP portions of their networks. The TRACED Act further creates processes by which voice service providers may be exempt from this mandate if the Commission determines they have achieved certain implementation benchmarks, and by which voice service providers may be granted a delay in compliance based on a finding of undue hardship because of burdens or barriers to implementation or based on a delay in development of a caller ID authentication protocol for calls delivered over non-IP networks.

On March 31, 2020, the Commission adopted a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (WC Docket Nos. 17-97, 20-67). The Report and Order mandated that all originating and terminating voice service providers implement the STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication framework in the IP portions of their networks by June 30, 2021. In the Further Notice the Commission sought comment on extending the STIR/SHAKEN implementation mandate to intermediate providers. The Commission also sought comment on proposals to (1) grant an extension for compliance with the STIR/SHAKEN implementation mandate for small voice service providers so long as those providers implement a robocall mitigation program; (2) require voice service providers using non-IP technology either to upgrade their networks to IP to enable STIR/SHAKEN implementation, or work to develop non-IP caller ID authentication technology and implement a robocall mitigation program in the interim; (3) establish a process whereby a voice service provider may be exempt from the STIR/SHAKEN implementation mandate if the provider has achieved certain implementation benchmarks; (4) prohibit voice service providers from imposing line item charges on consumer and small business subscribers for caller ID authentication; and (5) propose and seek comment on measures to implement other TRACED Act provisions concerning caller ID authentication and access to number resources.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NOI	07/14/17	84 FR 29478
DR and 3rd FNPRM.	06/06/19	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/24/19	84 FR 29478
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/23/19	
3rd FNPRM Comment Period End.	08/23/19	85 FR 22029
R&O and FNPRM Comment Period End.	03/31/20	
Next Action Undetermined.	05/29/20	

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467. Implementation of the National Suicide Improvement Act of 2018

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

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

On August 14, 2019, the Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analytics submitted its report to Congress recommending that: (1) A 3-digit dialing code be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system; and (2) the Commission should initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider designating 988 as the 3-digit code.

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

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/15/20	85 FR 2359
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/16/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

Abstract: On November 22, 2019, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on proposals to update the unbundling and avoided-cost resale obligations stemming from the 1996 Act and applicable only to incumbent LECs. Many of these obligations appear to no longer be necessary in many geographic areas due to vigorous competition for

mass market broadband services in urban areas and numerous intermodal voice capabilities and services. But recognizing that rural areas pose special challenges for broadband deployment, the NPRM does not propose any change to unbundling requirements for broadband-capable loops in rural areas. The NPRM seeks to promote the Commission's efforts to reduce unnecessary and outdated regulatory burdens that appear to discourage the deployment of next-generation networks, delay the IP transition, unnecessarily burden incumbent LECs with no similar obligations placed on their competitors, and no longer benefit consumers or serve the purpose for which they were intended.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/06/20	85 FR 472
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/06/20	
Next Action Undetermined.		

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469. Eliminating Ex Ante Pricing Regulation and Tariffing of Telephone Access Charges (WC Docket 20–71)

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

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

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/01/20	85 FR 30899

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154(i); 47 U.S.C. 154(j); 47 U.S.C. 214; 47 U.S.C. 303; 47 U.S.C. 309; 47 U.S.C. 310; 47 U.S.C. 34–39; Executive Order No. 10530, Section 5(a) reprinted as amended in 3 U.S.C. 301

Abstract: The FCC is reviewing the process by which it coordinates review of certain applications and petitions with the Executive Branch. The FCC refers certain applications to the relevant Executive Branch agencies for their input on any national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, and trade policy concerns that may arise from the foreign ownership interests held in the applicants and petitioners. In an NPRM released in 2016, the FCC sought comment on proposals to streamline and facilitate the process for obtaining information necessary for Executive Branch review and identify expected time frames, while ensuring that it continues to take Executive Branch concerns into consideration as part of its public interest review. Specifically, the FCC sought comment on proposals that applicants provide (for Executive Branch review) additional information on ownership, network operations, and related matters when filing their applications; that require applicants to make certain law enforcement/national security-related certifications; that establish timeframes for Executive Branch review; and other revisions to the application process to streamline the review process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/09/16	81 FR 46870
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/02/16	

Action	Date	FR Cite
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