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## Weekly federal regulatory summary | Dec. 27, 2021 highlights

- NTIA [awarded](#) two additional grants as part of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity program for feasibility and planning studies to determine the best way to provide broadband services to two tribal entities.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau [approved](#) performance obligations for rate-of-return Alaska Plan participants and provided the minimum number of locations to be reported in the HUBB portal.
- [NTCA](#) and [CTIA, NCTA and USTelecom](#) discussed issues relating to the transition from the Emergency Broadband Benefit program to the Affordable Connectivity program.
- The FCC [committed](#) \$603 million in additional Emergency Connectivity Fund support, bringing total program commitments to over \$3.8 billion.
- The WCB [approved](#) a fifth group of funding commitments under round 2 of the COVID-19 Telehealth program, committing \$42.7 million in funding to 68 health care providers. [news release](#)
- NECA filed its [2022 modification of average schedules](#) that contain proposed revisions to formulas used for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements. The revisions are proposed to become effective for a one-year period beginning on July 1, 2022.
- NTCA, WTA, USTelecom, et al. [seek](#) a 30-day extension of the comment deadline and a 45 day extension of the reply deadline for the [NOI](#) initiating a proceeding on the future of the USF.
- Chairwoman Rosenworcel [appointed](#) members to the USAC board of directors.
- The Vermont district court [further stayed](#) a [case](#) challenging a state bill and executive order regulating net neutrality and the provision of broadband internet service.

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### Other key upcoming dates

**Dec. 28** - Replies [due](#) on the requirements for the Affordable Connectivity program and a timeline for its implementation.

**Jan. 18** - Comments due on the [NOI](#) on the future of the USF in light of the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#). Replies are due Jan. 31, 2022.

## USF reform

- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [public notice](#) on Dec. 23, 2021, approving performance obligations for rate-of-return Alaska Plan participants. The bureau also provided the minimum number of locations to be reported in the High-Cost Universal Broadband portal, *i.e.*, newly deployed and upgraded locations over the term of the Alaska Plan, by speed and middle-mile at the five-year and 10-year service milestones. The bureau said to allow USAC sufficient time to make modifications to the HUBB to account for revised commitments at speed tiers not yet available to report, it waived, on its own motion, the March 1, 2022 deadline for annual location reporting for Adak Telephone Utility, Arctic Slope Telephone Cooperative, and Matanuska Telephone Association.
- NTCA [spoke with](#) Chairwoman Rosenworcel's acting legal advisor on Dec. 21, 2021, regarding performance measurement testing. It discussed its [petition for waiver](#) of limited aspects of the requirements relating to performance measurement testing, and REV Broadband's [petition](#) seeking a waiver of the first quarter 2022 broadband performance pre-testing requirements for legacy rate-of-return carriers participating in the Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support program. Regarding its petition, NTCA said supply chain disruptions persist throughout the telecommunications industry and present obstacles for broadband providers obtaining equipment necessary to comply with Commission regulations. NTCA also discussed the value of extending the pre-testing period, specifically, that period during which test results must be reported but which do not implicate liability for carriers. Additionally, NTCA expressed support for REV Broadband's petition, and asserted the special circumstances of Hurricane Ida support this waiver.
- GCI [spoke with](#) staff from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Office of Economics and Analytics on Dec. 15, 2021, and reviewed GCI's proposal regarding the methodology for on-the-ground testing in Alaska Plan areas still covered by 2G. GCI also discussed the commission's proposed methodology for compliance calculations, geocoordinates for testing points and options for testing in hard-to-reach areas.
- Viasat filed a [letter](#) on Dec. 22, 2021, regarding SpaceX's ability to meet its RDOF service commitments. Viasat claimed a recent email from SpaceX's founder and chief executive officer to employees confirms Starlink is being deployed in a manner fundamentally at odds with the RDOF framework. Viasat asserted the FCC should not award any amount of RDOF support to SpaceX and the existing record provides no rational basis upon which the FCC could grant SpaceX's long-form application.

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## Broadband

- NTIA [announced](#) on Dec. 22, 2021, it has awarded two additional grants as part of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity program. The grants, totaling nearly \$1 million, are being awarded to the Yavapai-Apache Nation in Arizona and the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. The awards will be for feasibility and planning studies to determine the best way to provide broadband services to reach 2,500 members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation and the approximately 40% of Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians with no internet service available to them. NTIA has awarded about \$2.4 million in funding through the Tribal Broadband Connectivity program to date.

- NTCA [spoke with](#) staff from the Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analytics on Dec. 17, 2021, regarding the Affordable Connectivity program. NTCA discussed issues surrounding the transition from the Emergency Broadband Benefit program to the ACP, and how that can be done with a minimum of disruption to consumers. NTCA expressed concern with the proposal requiring EBB participants to give prior opt-in consent to be enrolled in the ACP. NTCA suggested consent to be enrolled in the ACP at the conclusion of the 60-day transition be structured as an opt-out mechanism, under which subscribers enrolled in the EBB as of Dec. 31, 2021, will be enrolled into the ACP as of March 1, 2022, absent a request otherwise directed to their provider.
- USTelecom [spoke with](#) Commissioner Carr's legal advisor on Dec. 16, 2021, and on Dec. 17, 2021, it, along with AT&T, Lumen and Frontier, spoke with staff from the Wireline Competition and Consumer and Governmental Affairs bureaus, Office of Engineering and Analysis and the WCB deputy bureau chief regarding the Affordable Connectivity program. They provided suggestions on how the commission should assist NTIA in determining which areas are high cost for purposes of the ACP enhanced benefit. They also asked the FCC to allow at a minimum 60 days after the rules have taken effect to make necessary changes to their systems and come into compliance.
- USTelecom [spoke with](#) Commissioner Carr and his legal advisor and Commissioner Simington's legal advisor on Dec. 20, 2021, regarding the Affordable Connectivity program. USTelecom reiterated its views on the transition from the Emergency Broadband Benefit program to the ACP, and asked the Commission to allow at a minimum 60 days after the rules have taken effect to make necessary changes to their systems and come into compliance. USTelecom expressed support for the [interim guidance](#) which permits providers to offer their previously approved EBB plans at a \$30 ACP discount and urged that approach be made permanent until ACP rules become effective. USTelecom also asserted it is unnecessary to require providers to perform large backend software projects to make grandfathered and obsolete legacy plans eligible for the ACP discount.
- USTelecom [spoke with](#) Commissioner Starks' legal advisor and the Wireline Competition Bureau deputy chief on Dec. 21, 2021, regarding the Affordable Connectivity program. USTelecom reiterated its views on the transition from the Emergency Broadband Benefit program to the ACP, and asked the Commission to allow at a minimum 60 days after the rules have taken effect to make necessary changes to their systems and come into compliance. USTelecom expressed support for the [interim guidance](#) which permits providers to offer their previously approved EBB plans at a \$30 ACP discount and urged that approach be made permanent until ACP rules become effective. USTelecom also asserted it is unnecessary to require providers to perform large backend software projects to make grandfathered and obsolete legacy plans eligible for the ACP discount. Additionally, USTelecom discussed the need for a sufficient transition period between the date the Commission's order is released and the date the ACP rules become effective.
- CTIA, NCTA and USTelecom filed a [letter](#) on Dec. 22, 2021, regarding the Affordable Connectivity program. They asked the Commission to establish a safe harbor that would apply between Dec. 31, 2021, and the effective date of the ACP rules, because the Commission has indicated it does not expect to adopt rules implementing the ACP until mid-January, and those rules will likely not become effective until sometime after they are adopted. The proposed safe harbor would consist of the existing Emergency Broadband Benefit program rules, with certain modifications to incorporate specific statutory changes

to the connectivity benefit and eligibility requirements. Participating providers that comply with this short-term safe harbor will be deemed in compliance with the ACP requirements during this interim period. The safe-harbor proposal ensures that existing and new ACP customers have the same consumer protections provided under EBBP, with the \$30 ACP benefit, during this transition period.

- Verizon [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analytics staff on Dec. 20, 2021, regarding the Emergency Broadband Benefit program and Affordable Connectivity program. Verizon asserted the scheduled launch of the ACP around Dec. 31, 2021 presents several challenges and providers will likely need until April 1st or later to implement any requirements adopted in the order. Verizon also urged the Commission not to adopt an opt-in requirement for existing EBB households and said the Commission should decline to apply the Lifeline program's sales commission ban to the ACP.
- Cincinnati Bell [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analytics staff on Dec. 15, 2021, regarding the Affordable Connectivity program. CBI provided an overview of its current enrollment methods for customers interested in the Emergency Broadband Benefit program. CBI also expressed support for adoption of the 90-day de-enrollment provision for nonpayment and development of a standardized form for ACP enrollment. CBI also reiterated its recommendation providers should only be required to submit standard rates and plans as part of the election notice process.
- NCTA, Comcast, Charter Communications, and Cox [spoke with](#) Commissioner Carr's policy advisor on Dec. 20, 2021, regarding the Affordable Connectivity program and the Emergency Broadband Benefit program. They said the FCC should adopt an interim safe harbor based in large part on the EBB rules, as [proposed](#) by NCTA, CTIA, and USTelecom, and adoption of a safe harbor should occur before the Dec. 31, 2021, start date for ACP. They also expressed concern with the FCC's proposal to opt-in or affirmatively request enrollment in ACP and said customers should not be prevented from participating in ACP due to the results of a credit check.
- Comcast [spoke with](#) advisors to Chairwoman Rosenworcel, Commissioners Starks, Simington and Carr, and staff of the Wireline Competition and Consumer and Governmental Affairs bureaus and Office of Economics and Analytics on Dec. 15, 16 and 17, 2021, respectively, regarding the Affordable Connectivity program and the transition from the Emergency Broadband Benefit program. Comcast expressed support for the proposal to allow, as in EBB, bundled service offerings such as those offering voice, data and texting to be eligible for ACP support. Comcast also expressed concern with the opt-in consent proposal for transition to the ACP, asserting it could harm consumers by leading to a loss in the ACP benefit or disruption of service.
- Comcast [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition and Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau staff on Dec. 22, 2021, regarding the ACP billing cycles. Comcast said to the extent the FCC requires participating providers to apply the ACP credit upon a household's enrollment, it should permit the initial ACP credit to be applied no later than the beginning of the subscriber's first full billing period after ACP enrollment. Comcast also said the FCC should establish a true-up process after the 60-day transition period to enable such providers to seek full reimbursement equal to the aggregate outstanding EBB credit amount that was issued to this subset of EBB households.
- T-Mobile [spoke with](#) the Commissioner Starks' legal advisor and WCB associate bureau chief, and staff from the Office of Economics and Analytics and Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau on Dec. 15 and 16, 2021, respectively, regarding the

Affordable Connectivity program. T-Mobile urged the FCC to adopt several updates to the ACP, including: allowing different brands or lines of businesses within the same legal entity to file separate election notices; not allowing states to opt out of the National Lifeline Accountability Database for the purposes of the ACP; allowing households enrolled in the Emergency Broadband Benefit program as of Nov. 15, 2021, to continue receiving up to \$50 until EBB funds are expended or March 1, 2022, whichever comes later; and addressing the issue of what notification is required when an EBB provider decides not to participate in the ACP.

- Charter Communications spoke with advisors to [Chairwoman Rosenworcel](#) and Commissioner [Starks](#) on Dec. 20, 2021, to discuss the Commission's proposal to require all households seeking to participate in the Affordable Connectivity program to opt-in or affirmatively request enrollment in ACP. In addition, Charter Communications [spoke with](#) staff from the Wireline Competition and Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureaus and the Office of Economics and Analytics on Dec. 17, 2021, regarding the transition from the Emergency Broadband Benefit program to the ACP. Charter discussed: the proposal to require existing EBB participants to affirmatively opt-in to participate in ACP; the EBB program's usage requirement; several reimbursement issues; and the WCB's [recent guidance](#) allowing legacy EBB households to transfer their benefit to another participating service provider and continue to receive their EBB subsidy through the end of the 60-day transition period.
- Charter Communications [spoke with](#) Commissioner Starks' legal advisor on Dec. 22, 2021, regarding the ACP. Charter discussed the FCC's proposal to require all households seeking to participate in the ACP to opt-in or affirmatively request enrollment in ACP.
- ACA Connects [spoke with](#) advisors to Chairwoman Rosenworcel and Commissioners Carr, Starks and Simington on Dec. 16, 17, and 20, 2021, respectively regarding the Affordable Connectivity program. ACA asserted, as it explained in its [comments](#), the Commission should draw lessons from its successful implementation of the EBB program as it stands up ACP and aim for rules that limit regulatory burdens for providers. ACA also said the Commission should prioritize a smooth transition between the two programs.
- ACA Connects [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analytics staff on Dec. 16, 2021, regarding the ACP program. ACA said the FCC should: ensure any election notice process for ACP is appropriately streamlined; minimize disruption for EBB-enrolled households that will see a reduced benefit amount on March 1, 2022; affirm providers may tailor their service offerings to ACP-eligible households; adopt serious measures to clamp down on the unauthorized benefit transfers that have plagued the EBB program; and modify the reimbursement process to allow partial month reimbursements for months of service where a household de-enrolled before the end of the month.
- Altice [spoke with](#) advisors to Chairwoman Rosenworcel and Commissioners Carr, Starks, and Simington on Dec. 16, 2021, regarding the transition from the Emergency Broadband Benefit program to the Affordable Connectivity program. Altice discussed new low-incomes plans, taxes and fees, and retaining the community eligibility provision as an eligible qualifying program, among other things. Altice also asserted opt-in should not be required, but that a notice and opt-out approach would be more consumer-friendly and avoid significant de-enrollments of households. Altice also [spoke with](#) Wireline Competition Bureau staff on Dec. 17, 2021, to discuss the same issues.

- GCI Communication filed a [letter](#) on Dec. 23, 2021, regarding the implementation of the ACP on tribal lands. GCI said current EBB subscribers on tribal lands should not be required to opt-in to ACP, saying unlike their counterparts on non-tribal lands, current EBB subscribers on tribal lands that remain eligible for ACP benefits will not see a reduction in the discount to their service plans. GCI also said the FCC should not require providers offer plans priced at or below \$30 on tribal lands, noting eligible households can access an internet plan on tribal lands priced up to \$75 per month before the benefit is insufficient to cover the monthly cost of the plan.
- Public Knowledge, along with multiple public interest organizations, [spoke with](#) Commissioner Starks and his advisors on Dec. 15, 2021, regarding implementation of the Affordably Connectivity program. They expressed concern about the potential of an overly burdensome process for transitioning EBB subscribers to ACP causing unnecessary de-enrollments and suggested a hybrid approach to consent. They also reiterated the need for continuing to include eligibility for network equipment necessary for service as in the EBB, and encouraged the commission to make changes to the connected devices portion of the program by promoting opportunities for providers to partner with refurbishers and retailers so consumers have access to devices.
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, et al. filed a [letter](#) on Dec. 22, 2021, on the ACP. They said the FCC should build on the successes and improvements it established in the EBB to begin the ACP and in that transition, the FCC should prioritize minimizing: unexpected new charges due to the lower ACP benefit amount; the number of households that drop off inadvertently; and consumer confusion, among other things.
- EducationSuperHighway filed a [letter](#) on Dec. 23, 2021, regarding the ACP. ESH asserted the ACP can support free Wi-Fi in low-income multiple dwelling units and discussed ways to accomplish this.
- The USC Annenberg School for Communications and Journalism filed a [letter](#) on Dec. 23, 2021, attaching a policy brief on lessons from the EBB.
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on Dec. 22, 2021, announcing the Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States will hold its first meeting on Jan. 13, 2022. At the meeting, the task force plans to introduce its members, describe the focus of each working group, review policies relevant to the task force's duties, and begin discussing strategies to advance broadband deployment on agricultural land and promote precision agriculture.

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## Call Completion

- T-Mobile filed a [motion](#) on Dec. 22, 2021, with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois seeking clarification of the court's memorandum [opinions](#) and [orders](#) dismissing in part, plaintiffs' [first](#) and [second amended](#) in the case addressing allegations by Craigville Telephone and Consolidated Telephone that T-Mobile and Inteliquent utilized fake ring tones that led consumers to mistakenly blame local phone companies and injured the plaintiffs' businesses.

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## Robocalls

- NCTA filed a [letter](#) on Dec. 21, 2021, regarding the [public notice](#) seeking comment on the STIR/SHAKEN implementation verification certifications filed by providers who demonstrated voluntary early implementation progress by the Dec. 30, 2020, and confirmed full implementation by June 30, 2021. NCTA asserted cable operators have been leaders in developing and implementing call blocking solutions and have worked closely with fellow industry members to advance other efforts to combat robocalls. NCTA also said, in addition to STIR/SHAKEN, its members have deployed a variety of other tools to fight illegal and unwanted robocalls.

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## Open internet

- The U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont issued an [order](#) on Dec. 17, 2021, further staying a [case](#) challenging a state bill and executive order regulating net neutrality and the provision of broadband internet service. The court ruled that further proceedings in this case shall be stayed until the Ninth Circuit Court has resolved the pending appeal in ACA Connects, et al. v. Becerra, or April 15, 2022, whichever comes first.

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## Other universal services

- The FCC issued a [news release](#) on Dec. 20, 2021, announcing it committed \$603 million in additional Emergency Connectivity Fund support, bringing total program commitments to over \$3.8 billion. The FCC said the program has committed to supporting 9,000 schools, 760 libraries and 100 consortia to date, which are approved to receive over 8.3 million connected devices and over 4.4 million broadband connections.
- The FCC issued a [public notice](#) on Dec. 23, 2021, on Chairwoman Rosenworcel's appointment of seven members to the USAC board of directors. The term for the representative for commercial mobile radio service providers will end Dec. 31, 2022, and all other positions are for a three-year term beginning on Jan. 1, 2022. The new members are: Alan J. Buzacott, Verizon; Brent Fontana, Amazon Web Services; Sarah Freeman, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; Kenneth F. Mason; Julie Tritt Schell, Pennsylvania Department of Education; Olivia Wein, National Consumer Law Center; and Indra Sehdev Chalk, T-Mobile USA.
- Public Knowledge, NTCA, WTA, USTelecom, et al. [filed a motion](#) on Dec. 22, 2021, seeking a 30-day extension of the comment deadline and a 45 day extension of the reply comment deadline for the [notice of inquiry](#) initiating a proceeding on the future of the Universal Service Fund. PK, et al. asserted the NOI addresses complex issues and involves historic fund allocations that will significantly impact the Commission's goal of providing broadband access to all Americans. They also said the Commission should grant this extension to ensure it has the best possible record before it evaluates the impact of the Infrastructure Act on the USF and its programs.

- Consumer's Research, Cause Based Commerce, et al. filed [comments and objections](#) on Dec. 22, 2021, to the [public notice](#) announcing the proposed first quarter 2022 Universal Service contribution factor. They said, among other things, the Commission should reject the proposed contribution factor, set it at 0.00%, and refuse to permit additional revenue to be collected and paid into the fund.
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [public notice](#) on Dec. 21, 2021, approving a fifth group of funding commitments under round 2 of the COVID-19 Telehealth program, committing \$42.7 million in funding to 68 health care providers. A list of the funding awardees is in Appendix A of the public notice. To date, 348 awardees have received funding commitments totaling over \$208 million. [news release](#)
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an [erratum](#) on Dec. 20, 2021, to the [NPRM](#) implementing a central document repository through which service providers would be required to submit their bids to the E-rate program administrator. The erratum corrected the docket number in Paragraph 40 of the notice.
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on Dec. 23, 2021, seeking Paperwork Reduction Act comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection relating to FCC Forms 472 (billed entity applicant reimbursement), 473 (service provider annual certification) and 474 (service provider invoice) for the E-Rate program. All of the requirements contained in this information collection are necessary to implement the Congressional mandate for the E-Rate program and reimbursement process. PRA comments are due Feb. 22, 2022.
- Nextlink Internet filed a [supplement](#) on Dec. 17, 2021, to its [petition](#) seeking a waiver of the June 7, 2021 deadline to file proof of ETC designation, required as a winning bidder in the RDOF Phase I auction. Nextlink notified the FCC the Oklahoma Corporation Commission has approved an order granting Nextlink's expanded ETC designation with respect to the 46 census blocks not designated when its original petition was filed, and now has been properly designated as an ETC in all 1,200 Oklahoma census blocks for which it was awarded RDOF Phase I support.
- Reply comments were due Dec. 24, 2021, on E Fiber San Juan's [petition](#) seeking ETC designation in federally recognized tribal lands in Utah, where it has been allocated RDOF support. [public notice](#)
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [public notice](#) on Dec. 23, 2021, approving AirVoice Wireless' revised compliance plan for Lifeline. AirVoice submitted a revised compliance plan to reflect the proposed acquisition of AirVoice by VTel Holdings and to otherwise update its compliance plan in conformance with changes to the rules since approval of its previously approved plan.

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## Miscellaneous

- NECA filed its [2022 modification of average schedules](#) on Dec. 22, 2021, that contain proposed revisions to formulas used for average schedule interstate settlement disbursements. The revisions are proposed to become effective for a one-year period



beginning on July 1, 2022.

- The International Bureau sent a [letter](#) to China Telecom (Americas) on Dec. 17, 2021, responding to CTA's [letter](#) requesting a meeting regarding the regulatory status of CTA's non-MVNO services. The bureau said, as CTA has not provided the detailed and verifiable factual support needed for the commission to evaluate the claim that all of its non-MVNO services are provided as private carriage, it does not believe it is appropriate at this late date to accept CTA's request for a meeting.
- The Rural Wireless Association and NTCA filed a [motion](#) on Dec. 22, 2021, seeking an extension of the filing deadline for FCC Form 5640 related to the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement program. RWA and NTCA asserted many of the associations' members, both carriers and vendors, have concluded that the current filing deadline of Jan. 14, 2022, does not provide enough time to sufficiently complete gathering and uploading the data required by FCC Form 5640. Accordingly, they request that the SCRIP filing deadline be extended to Feb. 14, 2022.
- The Competitive Carriers Association filed a [letter](#) on Dec. 23, 2021, expressing support for a one-month extension, to Feb. 14, 2021, of the deadline to file FCC Form 5640 in the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement program. CCA asserted given the complexity of the applications and the resources necessary to provide complete information, a one-month extension would be beneficial to ensure that applications are as accurate and comprehensive as possible.
- The FCC issued a [public notice](#) on Dec. 20, 2021, announcing the Rural Wireless Association filed a [petition for reconsideration](#) of the supply chain [third report and order](#). Oppositions to the petitions are due 15 days after the date of publication of this public notice in the Federal Register; replies to oppositions are due 10 days after an opposition is filed.
- No comments were filed on a section 214 application filed by Laurie L. Osgood, Direct Communications Rockland, and UniTek, requesting consent to transfer control of UniTel and UniCap through the transfer of ownership of their existing parent, UniTek, from Osgood to Direct Communications. Replies are due Dec. 29, 2021. [public notice](#)
- No comments were filed on two section 214 applications filed by Service Electric Telephone, Service Electric Cable T.V., and Ironton Telephone, requesting consent for ITC to acquire 100% control of SET, and SET to transfer certain assets, including part of its customer base, to SECTV. Replies are due Dec. 29, 2021. [public notice](#)
- The Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [public notice](#) on Dec. 20, 2021, granting a Section 214 application filed by Cable One, Hargray of Florida, Hargray of Georgia, Clearwave Communications (licensees) and NewCo requesting consent to transfer control of the licensees to NewCo.
- An FCC [notice](#) was published in the Federal Register on Dec. 22, 2021, seeking Paperwork Reduction Act comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection relating to preemption petitions. These provisions supplement the procedures for filing petitions seeking Commission preemption of state and local government regulation of telecommunications services, and require that such petitions, whether in the form of a petition for rulemaking or a petition for declaratory ruling, be served on all state and local governments. PRA comments are due Feb. 22, 2022.

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## Upcoming filing dates

- Dec. 28 - Replies due on the requirements for the Affordable Connectivity program and a timeline for its implementation. [public notice](#)
- Dec. 29 - Replies due on a section 214 application filed by Laurie L. Osgood, Direct Communications Rockland, and UniTek, requesting consent to transfer control of UniTel and UniCap through the transfer of ownership of their existing parent, UniTek, from Osgood to Direct Communications. [public notice](#)
- Dec. 29 - Replies due on two section 214 applications filed by Service Electric Telephone, Service Electric Cable T.V., and Ironton Telephone, requesting consent for ITC to acquire 100% control of SET, and SET to transfer certain assets, including part of its customer base, to SECTV. [public notice](#)
- Dec. 30 - Comments due on seven voice service provider STIR/SHAKEN implementation verification certifications. Replies are due Jan. 10, 2022. [public notice](#)
- Dec. 30 - Oppositions due to petitions to deny additional 36 Rural Tribal Priority Window license applications that were accepted for filing. Replies are due Jan. 7, 2022. [public notice](#)
- Jan. 7 - Replies due on petitions to deny additional 36 Rural Tribal Priority Window license applications that were accepted for filing. [public notice](#)
- Jan. 10 - Replies due on seven voice service provider STIR/SHAKEN implementation verification certifications. [public notice](#)
- Jan. 10 - Replies due on the [FNPRM](#) on stopping illegal robocalls from entering U.S. networks. [FR](#) | [order](#)
- Jan. 18 - Comments due on [notice of inquiry](#) initiating a proceeding on the future of the Universal Service Fund in light of the broadband investments in the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#). Replies are due Jan. 31, 2022.
- Jan. 18 - Comments due on modifications to a system of records entitled FCC/WCB-3, Emergency Broadband Benefit program. [FR](#)
- Jan. 18 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection on direct access to numbering resources. [notice](#)
- Jan. 25 - PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved collection on pole attachment access requirements. [FR](#)
- Jan. 25 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved collection on the reporting and distribution of pool access revenues, per section 69.605. [FR](#)
- Jan. 25 - PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection associated with Part 64 pay-per-call disclosure requirements. [FR](#)

- Jan. 25 – PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved collection on pay telephone calls. [FR](#)
- Jan. 31 – Replies due on [notice of inquiry](#) initiating a proceeding on the future of the Universal Service Fund in light of the broadband investments in the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#).
- Feb. 1 – PRA comments due on a revision of a currently approved collection on pole attachment complaint procedures. [FR](#)
- Feb. 22 – PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection on study area boundary data reporting in ESRI shapefile format. [FR](#)
- Feb. 22 – PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection relating to preemption petitions. [FR](#)
- Feb. 22 – PRA comments due on an extension of a currently approved information collection relating to FCC Forms 472, 473 and 474 for the E-Rate program. [FR](#)

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