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| **SUMMARY**  **OF**  **FEDERAL ACTIONS**  **DURING**  **WEEK ENDING AUGUST 11** | | | | | |
| DOC. # | DATE | SUBJECT MATTER | | **SUMMARY** | COMMENTS |
| **FCC** | | | | | |
| - | 8/7 | | Aug 3 Open Mtg | Final versions of items decided Aug 3.  Form 477 Data Collection:  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0804/FCC-17-103A1.pdf>  Connect Amer. Fund Auction: [rural broadband] [ Comments: 9/18/17; RC 10/18/17]:  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0804/FCC-17-101A1.pdf>  Spectrum 3.7 and 24 Ghz:  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0803/FCC-17-104A1.pdf>  896-901/935-940 MHz NOI. [Comments 9/18/17: RC 10/18/17]: <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0804/FCC-17-108A1.pdf>  C. Amer. Fund: Mobility Fund, O on Rec. & 2d R. and O.: <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0804/FCC-17-102A1.pdf>  Tech. Guide for Bidding in C. of Amer. Mobility Auction: <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0804/DA-17-733A1.pdf>  Uniform licensing in Wireless Radio Services: [not radio and TV] <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0803/FCC-17-105A1.pdf> | These are the versions that should be used for analysis and responses. |
| 99-200 | 8/4 | | LNPA | Approves Neustar’s request to change ownership to Ariel Investors. Neustar currently serves  as the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA), the North American Numbering  Plan Administrator (NANPA), the National Thousand-Block Pooling Administrator (PA),  and the Internet-Based Telecommunications Relay Services (iTRS) Numbering  Administrator (collectively the Numbering Administrators). The changes to the  ownership structure will not adversely affect its neutrality, subject to compliance  with this Order, the adoption of the Neutrality Plan,3 the creation of the Voting  Trust, and the adoption of the Code of Conduct.  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0804/DA-17-738A1.pdf> | FCC wanted to ensure continued neutrality of Neustar as administrator of these items.  Required a neutrality plan before approving change.  For companies, the concern would be that the administrator indeed is neutral. |
| - | 8/4 | | Inter. Tel. Serv. Provi-ders | FY 2017 ITSP AND CMRS REGULATORY FEE DATA ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING.  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0804/DOC-346062A1.pdf> | If a company is interested in reviewing its data, it is now available. |
| 07-149 | 8/8 | | # Port. | WCB reminds all entities that use the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC)  that the process to transition operation of the NPAC from Neustar to Telcordia d/b/a  iconectiv is underway. All entities that use the NPAC, including providers of  telecommunications must register with iconectiv.  <https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-17-746A1.pdf> | It would be good for any company to verify registration w/ iconectiv. |
| GN 1199 | 8/9 | | Adv. Telecom. | 13th Sec. 706 NOI: initiate the next annual assessment of the “availability of  advanced telecommunications capability to all Americans in a reasonable and  timely fashion,” and solicit comment and information to help guide our analysis.  Comments 9/7/17; RC 9/22/17  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0808/FCC-17-109A1.pdf> | In light of the Title II proceeding’s possible reliance on Sec. 706, companies should consider submitting fact-based comments in this proceeding. At least companies should follow the proceeding. |
|  | 8/9 | |  | FCC seeks exhibitors for the Accessibility Innovations Expo to be held on Monday,  October 23, 2017. It is a platform for showcasing innovative technologies that impact  the daily lives of consumers with disabilities and focus on next-generation innovations  and breakthroughs for users of all abilities.  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0808/DOC-346119A1.pdf> | Companies may want to consider an exhibit of health-related offerings. |
| - | 8/9 | | Num.  Council | FCC announces that it plans to re-charter the North American Numbering Council.  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0809/DA-17-751A1.pdf> | Companies may want to join the Council. |
| 13-75 | 8/9 | | 911 | FCC’s 911 Reliability Certification System is open for filing of annual reliability certifications,1 which are due on October 15, 2017.  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0809/DA-17-752A1.pdf> | 911 Serv. Providers should file their annual reliability certificates. |
| 12-268 | 8/10 | | Channel sharing | For channel sharing outside of the incentive auction, the Federal Register published OMB’s approval so the effective date of these rule and form changes will be August 10, 2017.  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0810/DA-17-749A1.pdf>. | Relevant for companies that want to share Class A stations. |
| -- | 8/9 | | 600 MHz auction 1002 | Lists long form applications for the 600 MHz auction that have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing”. Pet. to Deny: 8/21/2017; Oppositions to pet. to deny, 8/28/2107; Replies, 9/5/2017.  PN: <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0809/DA-17-742A1.pdf>.  Ex. A: <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0809/DA-17-742A2.pdf>.  Ex. B: <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0809/DA-17-742A3.pdf>. | An example of FCC’s efforts to promote competition in the wireless markets. |
| WC 11-42 | 8/11 | | LifeLine Report | Denies the motion of certain companies seeking an extension of time to submit a copy of their respective final attestation reports pursuant to the Lifeline Program Biennial Audit Plan.  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0810/DA-17-755A1.pdf> | The companies need to file their reports. |
| CONGRESS | | | | | |
| S 19 | 8/4 | | Wire-less Broad-band | Passed Senate:  a bill requiring the National Telecommunications and Information Administration  (NTIA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), by December 31, 2020, to make  available at least 255 megahertz of federal and nonfederal spectrum below the frequency of  6000 megahertz for mobile and fixed wireless broadband use. At least: (1) 100 megahertz  shall be made available on an unlicensed basis; and (2) 100 megahertz shall be made available  on an exclusive, licensed basis for commercial mobile use, pursuant to the FCC's authority to  implement licensing in a flexible manner, and subject to potential continued use of such spectrum  by incumbent federal entities in designated geographic areas indefinitely or for a length of time  stipulated in transition plans approved by an NTIA technical panel for those incumbent entities to r  elocate to alternate spectrum. <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s19/BILLS-115s19es.pdf>  S. Rep.: <https://www.congress.gov/congressional-report/115th-congress/senate-report/4/1?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22actionDate%3A%5C%22115%7C2017-08-04%5C%22+AND+%28billIsReserved%3A%5C%22N%5C%22+or+type%3A%5C%22AMENDMENT%5C%22%29%22%5D%7D&r=10> | This effort to increase available spectrum would increase broadband competition from wireless entities. |
| S 88 | 8/4 | | I of T | Senate passed bill to express the sense of Congress that policies governing the Internet of Things (IoT) should maximize the potential and development of the growing number of connected and interconnected devices to benefit businesses, governments, and consumers. The working group must: (1) identify federal laws and regulations, grant practices, budgetary or jurisdictional challenges, and other sector-specific policies that inhibit IoT development; (2) consider policies or programs that encourage and improve coordination among federal agencies with IoT jurisdiction; (3) implement recommendations from the steering committee; (4) examine how federal agencies can benefit from, use, prepare for, and secure the IoT; and (5) consult with nongovernmental stakeholders.  <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s88/BILLS-115s88es.pdf>  S. Rep. <https://www.congress.gov/congressional-report/115th-congress/senate-report/90/1?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22actionDate%3A%5C%22115%7C2017-08-04%5C%22+AND+%28billIsReserved%3A%5C%22N%5C%22+or+type%3A%5C%22AMENDMENT%5C%22%29%22%5D%7D&r=12> | This item, like the spectrum item above, suggests a growing sense in Congress to take actions to promote expansion of services to the public and to ensure a competitive model with less governmental obstruction. This suggests competitive pressures on incumbents will increase sooner rather than later. |
|  | 8/4 | | Senate bills | S. passed the following previously-reported bills:  S.96 - Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2017. <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s96/BILLS-115s96es.pdf>  S.134 - Spoofing Prevention Act of 2017. <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s134/BILLS-115s134es.pdf>.  S.174 - FCC Consolidated Reporting Act of 2017. <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s174/BILLS-115s174es.pdf> | FYI. Being held at desk while House is in recess. |
| - | 8/9 | | Text of bills | Text of bills reported week ending Aug. 4:  S. 1654:  [https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s1654/BILLS-115s1654is.pdf](%20%20%20https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s1654/BILLS-115s1654is.pdf)  S. 1657: <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s1657/BILLS-115s1657is.pdf>  S. 1659: <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s1659/BILLS-115s1659is.pdf>  S. 1671: <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s1671/BILLS-115s1671is.pdf>  HR3546 <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/hr3546/BILLS-115hr3546ih.pdf> |  |
| COURTS | | | | | |
| - | 8/7 | | Bus. Data  Serv. Order | 8th Cir denied motion to stay effect of FCC rule changes re: business data services.  <http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0809/DOC-346143A1.pdf> |  |
| MEDIA AND OTHER SOURCES | | | | | |
| -- | 8/8 | | AT&T  Time  Warner | NY Post reports Sen. E. Warner (D-MA) has put a “hold” on nomination of Makan Delrahim as head of DOJ Antitrust Div. This likely delays vote until after the August recess despite a 19-1 vote in Sen. Jud. Comm. Article suggests AT&T will separate content from distribution, possibly to meet DOJ conditions.  <http://nypost.com/2017/08/07/dc-politics-delays-att-time-warner-deal/>  Deadline.com reports AT&T may sell-off some Time Warner assets post-closing—CNN and TMZ are mentioned.  <http://deadline.com/2017/08/time-warner-merger-cnn-tmz-selloff-targets-att-1202140037/>  ATT denies CN for sale.  <https://www.google.com/search?q=at%26t+news+time+warner&spell=1&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjpoceU4cfVAhVK6yYKHefJCxcQBQgjKAA&biw=1383&bih=1034> | It is possible for DOJ to approve deal even w/o Delrahim. |
| - | - | | - | Nominee for chief Antitrust Attorney at DOJ noted in written responses to questions about AT&T/Time Warner deal from S. Franken that he preferred structural relief over behavioral relief. At. P. 21. | This may suggest nominee will seek conditions different than the behavioral relief in Comcast/  NBCUniv. Merger.  Should client visit with DOJ? |