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Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

The FCC's Office of Communications Business Opportunities (OCBO) advises the Commission on issues, rulemakings, and policies that affect small businesses. To increase small business engagement with the FCC, OCBO publishes a monthly digest with updates and reminders that may be of interest to small business stakeholders. This list is not comprehensive of all FCC deadlines, programs, and initiatives, but does represent items that OCBO considers important to the communities that you serve.

Please reach out to OCBO at [OCBOinfo@fcc.gov](mailto:OCBOinfo@fcc.gov) with any questions, or to be added to our distribution list. A copy of this news digest is also available at [www.fcc.gov/OCBO](http://www.fcc.gov/OCBO).

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**Important News and Announcements**

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**March Open Commission Meeting**

On March 27th, the Commission held its Open Commission Meeting. The adopted and draft items are listed below:

- **Exploring Alternatives to GPS**

The Commission adopted a [Notice of Inquiry](#) that would engage a wide range of stakeholders to build a record on specific actions it can take to help develop complements and alternatives to the Global Positioning System with the goal of ensuring robust and reliable Positioning, Navigation, and Timing technologies and solutions. (WT Docket No. 25-110)

Related: [FCC Launches Proceeding on GPS Alternatives](#)

- **Ensuring NG911 Resiliency, Reliability, Interoperability, and Accessibility**

The Commission adopted a [Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) to safeguard the nation's Next Generation 911 (NG911) transition by ensuring the reliability and interoperability of NG911 networks. (PS Docket Nos. 21-479, 13-75)

Related: [FCC Proposes Action to Improve Next Generation 911](#)

- **Strengthening 911 Location Accuracy Rules**

The Commission adopted a [Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) that proposes to strengthen caller location accuracy requirements for wireless calls to 911. (PS Docket No. 07-114)

Related: [FCC Proposes Action to Help First Responders Better Locate Wireless 911 Callers](#)

### **FCC Warns Consumers of 'Grandparent Scam' Robocalls**

March 7, 2025—The Commission warned consumers to be on the lookout for “Grandparent Scam” robocalls. These callers often use real, personal information – like the name and travel plans of grandchildren – to trick and defraud older Americans of their hard-earned money.

### **FCC Chairman Establishes New Council on National Security**

March 13, 2025—FCC Chairman Brendan Carr announced that he has established a new Council for National Security within the FCC. The Council will leverage the full range of the Commission's regulatory, investigatory, and enforcement authorities to promote America's national security and counter foreign adversaries.

### **Wireline Competition Bureau Streamlines Copper Retirement Processes**

March 20, 2025—The Wireline Competition Bureau issued an [Order](#) adopting clarifications that will enable providers to use streamlined procedures more often when they apply to discontinue copper lines; a [waiver](#) that allows providers to retire copper networks in cases where those services are available on a bundled basis; a [waiver](#) of requirements that apply whenever a provider stops offering a service to new customers; and, a [waiver](#) of notice requirements that have had no demonstrable benefit.

### **FCC Chairman Announces Investigation into CCP-Aligned Entities**

March 21, 2025—Chairman Carr disclosed the first major initiative of the agency’s new Council on National Security. Specifically, the FCC has launched an investigation into the ongoing U.S. operations of CCP-aligned businesses whose equipment or services the FCC previously placed on its [Covered List](#) based on determinations that those equipment or services pose unacceptable risks to America’s national security. Despite being placed on the FCC’s Covered List, some or all of those entities may still be operating in the U.S.—either because they do not believe the FCC’s Covered List prohibits particular types of operations or otherwise.

### **Consumer Alert: Scam Calls Targeting the Chinese-American Community**

March 31, 2025—The Federal Communications Commission is alerting consumers that scam robocalls are targeting Chinese speakers in the San Francisco community and beyond, and impersonating Chinese law enforcement, federal employees and/or local health care officials to scam some individuals out of tens of thousands of dollars each.

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### **Upcoming FCC Events**

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#### **April Open Commission Meeting**

April 28, 2025

10:30 am - 12:30 pm EDT

Commission Meeting Room, FCC Headquarters, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554

[FCC.gov/Live](https://www.fcc.gov/live)

Topics selected for FCC open meeting agendas will be posted on the Commission's website approximately three weeks prior to the Commission's next monthly meeting. The Commission will also issue a public notice of the "Commission Meeting Agenda" one week before the meeting and announce at that time the items that are scheduled for the agenda.

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### Open Comment Periods and Data Collection Periods

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#### **[FCC Seeks Comment on Auction of AWS-3 Licenses \(AU Docket No. 25-117\). \(FR ID 285139\).](#)**

The Office of Economics and Analytics and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau seek comment on the procedures to be used for Auction 113, an auction of 200 licenses in the 1695-1710 MHz, 1755-1780 MHz, and 2155-2180 MHz bands.

*Comments are due on or before April 10, 2025. Reply comments are due on or before April 25, 2025.*

Filing instructions: Please see the [Federal Register](#) notice for comment filing instructions.

#### **[FCC Seeks Comment on Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation \(MB Docket 25-72\). \(FR ID 28339\).](#)**

The Commission seeks comment on the need for updates to its rules implementing the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation (CALM) Act. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeks to develop a record to help the Commission and the public better understand consumer complaints about loud commercials. The NPRM seeks input from consumers and industry on the extent to which the CALM Act rules have been effective in controlling and preventing loud commercials on programming provided by television broadcasters and pay TV providers. The Commission also asks about its authority to address loud commercials and the consistency of program volume on streaming platforms. Finally, the NPRM asks what actions the Commission, industry, or standards developers could take in this area to further minimize consumer harm.

*Comments are due on or before April 10, 2025. Reply comments are due on or before April 25, 2025.*

Filing instructions: Please see the [Federal Register](#) notice for comment filing instructions.

#### **[FCC Seeks Comment on Deregulation Initiative](#)**

By [Public Notice](#), titled, "In Re: Delete, Delete, Delete" the Commission seeks comment on every rule, regulation, or guidance document that the FCC should eliminate for the purposes of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens.

*Comments are due Friday, April 11, 2025. Reply comments are due Monday, April 28, 2025.*

#### **[Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Announces Comment Dates for Reducing WEA Opt-Out FNPRM \(PS Docket Nos. 15-94, 15-91\).](#)**

The Commission seeks comment on broadening the circumstances in which alert originators may send WEA messages using the "Public Safety Message" classification, which can allow consumers greater flexibility in how messages are presented on their mobile device, including the potential ability to silence

alerts. The Commission also seeks comment on whether subscribers should be empowered to further customize their receipt of WEA messages, as well as additional steps that wireless providers, equipment manufacturers, and operating system developers can take to reduce the rate at which subscribers opt out of WEA.

*Comments are due April 17, 2025. Reply comments are due May 19, 2025.*

Filing instructions: Please see the [Federal Register](#) notice for comment filing instructions.

### **Broadcast Station Rule Updates (MB Docket No. 24-626)**

The Commission seeks comment on several proposed updates to broadcast radio and TV rules to better reflect current application processing requirements, clarify ambiguity, and remove references to outdated procedures and legacy filing systems. Such action ensures that the Commission's rules are accurate, reducing potential confusion among the public, applicants, licensees, and practitioners, and alleviating unnecessary burdens.

*Comments are due on or before April 23, 2025. Reply comments are due on or before May 8, 2025.*

Filing instructions: Please see the [Federal Register](#) notice for comment filing instructions.

### **Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Nondominant Interexchange Carriers to File Annual Section 64.1900 Certifications by May 1, 2025 (CC Docket No. 96-61)**

Nondominant interexchange carriers (IXCs) must submit annual filings certifying compliance with their geographic rate averaging and rate integration obligations *no later than May 1, 2025*.

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## **New Compliance Guides for Small Businesses**

View All FCC Compliance Guides at [FCC.gov/general/compliance-guides-small-businesses](https://www.fcc.gov/general/compliance-guides-small-businesses)

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### **Supporting Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence (DA-25-267)**

The above titled, SECG was published on March 25, 2025. In the, [Rules to Safeguard Domestic Violence Survivors, Report and Order](#), the Commission works to implement the Safe Connections Act of 2022.

### **Space Innovation, Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age (DA-25-256)**

The above titled SECG was published on March 24, 2025. In the, ['5-Year Rule' for Deorbiting Satellites, Second Report and Order](#), the Commission adopts new rules requiring satellite operators in low-Earth orbit to dispose of their satellites within 5 years of completing their missions.

### **Resilient Networks; Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications (DA-25-255)**

The above titled SECG was published on March 24, 2025. the Commission adopted the, [Resilient Network, Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#), to advance the



lines of inquiry particularly concerning the Network Outage Reporting System (NORS) and Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS).

**[Amendments to Part 52 of the Commission's Rules and Georouting Requirements for Wireless 988 Calls \(Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Act of 2018\) \(DA-25-233\)](#)**

The above titled SECG was published on March 18, 2025. In the, [Designating 988 for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Report and Order](#), the Commission designated 988 as the 3-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to aid rapid access to suicide prevention and mental health support services.

**[Wireless Emergency Alerts; Amendments to Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System \(DA-25-208\)](#)**

The above titled SECG was published on March 11, 2025. In the, [Wireless Emergency Alerts - MEP EAS Event Code, Order](#), the Commission established a dedicated Missing and Endangered Persons event code to facilitate the more efficient and widespread dissemination of alerts and coordinated responses to incidents involving all missing and endangered persons across multiple jurisdictions.

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**[Red Tape Hotline](#)**

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