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Key Wireless Deadlines

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FCC Seeks Comment on Rules to Enable Wireless Communications for Unmanned Aircraft Systems: In this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requests comment on proposed rules to enable wireless communications for unmanned aircraft system (UAS) use of the 5030-5091 MHz band (C-band), alongside other UAS-related spectrum issues. The Commission proposes to accommodate both networked (beyond line-of-sight) and non-networked (line-of-sight) UAS command and control communications in the C-band; utilize a dynamic frequency management system for the non-networked spectrum; and enable non-networked operations to be licensed by rule. Comments are due March 9, and Reply Comments are due April 10. Read more here.

FCC Seeks Comment on Rules to More Precisely Route Wireless 911

Calls: The Commission seeks comment in this NPRM on proposed rules to require wireless carriers and covered text providers to implement location-based routing for 911 calls and texts nationwide. The NPRM also proposes to require Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) and other covered text providers to deliver 911 calls, texts, and associated routing information in Internet Protocol (IP) format. Comments were due February 16, and Reply Comments are due March 20.

Practice Areas



Telecom, Media & Technology Wireless

FCC Seeks Comment on Strengthening Data Breach Rule: In this NPRM, the Commission requests comment on its proposal to expand the Commission's definition of "breach" to include inadvertent disclosures of customer information and to adopt a harm-based trigger for breach notifications. The Commission also proposes to eliminate the mandatory waiting period before notifying customers and instead of requiring carriers to alert customers of customer propriety network information (CPNI) breaches without unreasonable delay after the discovery of a breach. Comments were due February 22, and Reply Comments are due March 24. Read more here.

FCC Seeks Comment on Broadband Labeling FNPRM: The FCC is seeking comment on the Broadband Labeling R&O and FNPRM, which is intended to implement the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's broadband labeling directive. Comments were due February 16, and Reply Comments are due March 16, pursuant to an extension.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

FCC Open Meeting: The next FCC Open Meeting is scheduled for March 16. Meeting details are available The agenda includes:

- Single Network Future: Supplemental Coverage from Space NPRM
- Ensuring Just and Reasonable Rates for Incarcerated People NPRM
- Enhancing Protections Against Illegal Robocalls Report and Order (R&O) and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)
- · Protecting Consumers with Robotext Blocking R&O and FNPRM
- Updating Equipment Testing Standards R&O
- Audio Description Designated Market Area (DMA) Expansion FNPRM

IWG-3 Space Services Meetings: The FCC's twentieth and twenty-first meetings of the World Radiocommunication Conference Advisory Committee Informal Working Group (IWG) 3 on Space Services will be held on March 7 and March 21, respectively. More information can be found here and here.

IWG-4 Regulatory Issues Meetings: The FCC's eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the IWG-4 on Regulatory Issues will be held on March 7 and March 21, respectively. More details are available here and here.

IWG-1 Maritime, Aeronautical and Radar Services Meetings: The FCC's sixteenth and seventeenth meetings of the IWG-1 on Maritime, Aeronautical and Radar Services will be held on March 14 and March 22, respectively. More information can be found here and here.

IWG-2 Terrestrial Services Meetings: The FCC's sixteenth and seventeenth meetings of the IWG-2 on Terrestrial Services will be held on March 14 and March 22, respectively. More information can be found here and here.

CSRIC Meeting: The Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council VIII (CSRIC) will hold a meeting on March 21. Additional information can be found here.

FCBA Reception: The Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Congressional Reception will be held on March 29. More information and registration details can be found here.

Cyber Corner

NIST Seeks Comment on Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 Concept Paper: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) seeks comment on its Concept Paper for the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0. NIST's proposed approach to CSF 2.0 includes maintaining the current level of detail from CSF 1.1, offering more implementation guidance, adding a "Govern" function, expanding treatment of Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management (C-SCRM), and using SP 800-55 rather than CSF 2.0 to provide measurement guidance. Comments are due on March 3.

NTIA Seeks Comment on Privacy, Equity, and Civil Rights RFC: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) requests comment on its Privacy, Equity, and Civil Rights Request for Comment (RFC). This RFC seeks to: (1) "gather feedback on how the processing of personal information by private entities creates, exacerbates, or alleviates disproportionate harms for marginalized and historically excluded communities"; (2) "explore possible gaps in applicable privacy and civil rights laws"; and (3) "identify ways to prevent and deter harmful behavior, address harmful impacts, and remedy any gaps in existing law." Comments are due March 6.

Did You Know?



Sara M. Baxenberg was selected for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's (LCLD) 2023 Fellows Program, alongside Amaru J. Sánchez, selected for membership in the 2023 class of LCLD Pathfinders.

Wiley TMT partners, Sara M Baxenberg and Joshua S. Turner authored a legal white paper titled "As the Drone Flies: How to Think About Property Ownership, Federal Preemption, and Airspace Control in the Era of Remotely Piloted Aircraft." This article will be published in the May-June 2023 issue of The Journal of Robotics, Artificial Intelligence & Law, Vol. 6, No. 3.

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