



Federal Communications Commission
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Subject: Open Meeting Digest: November 21, 2024 + Broadband Data Task Force Mobile Challenge
Office Hours

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

The FCC held its most recent open meeting on November 21, 2024. A recording of the meeting is available online, [here](#). Please see highlights below of the main subjects discussed during the meeting.

FCC Proposes Major Review of Submarine Cable Licensing Rules

- Given that undersea cables move an inordinately large amount of international internet traffic and that the national security environment is changing, the FCC approved proposals to review its longstanding submarine cable landing license rules. The FCC seeks comment on ways to streamline the rules while at the same time protecting the security of this critical infrastructure. Among other things, the FCC seeks to update application requirements, including requiring a three-year periodic reporting requirement to assess national security risks, or alternatively to shorten the current 25-year license term. It also seeks comment on working with applicants to share risk information and to improve means of sharing certain licensee information with federal partners.

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Strengthening Caller ID Authentication Rules

- The FCC voted to allow service providers subject to the STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication framework, which is designed to combat spoofed robocalls that carry false caller ID information, to use third parties in the caller ID authentication process. In making this decision – which affords economic benefits and efficiencies to providers, the FCC established rules for their use and made clear that the provider is ultimately accountable for the proper attestations of caller ID information.

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Approving Rules for Program Originating FM Boosters

- The FCC adopted service rules to enable FM and low power broadcasters to use FM booster stations to originate program content. Traditionally, FM boosters' only purpose was to rebroadcast their primary station's programming on the same frequency to strengthen coverage. Technological advances have made it possible for FM broadcasters to air different

programming from their primary station without causing interference and to geotarget content within their broadcast reach, helping broadcasters serve their communities.

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Video Doorbell Manufacturer Fined

- The FCC proposed a \$734,872 fine against Hong-Kong based Eken, a smart home device manufacturer, for apparent violations of FCC rules that require the company to designate an agent located in the United States. Additionally, the FCC's Enforcement Bureau is continuing its investigation into serious privacy and data security issues into Eken's equipment. It is also investigating other Chinese equipment manufacturing companies.

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Broadband Data Task Force Announces Mobile Challenge Office Hours

- The FCC is hosting two Office Hours sessions this month on submitting bulk mobile challenges. Each Office Hours includes a Q&A session and are designed as a follow up to the FCC's [recent webinar](#) on how to challenge the mobile broadband coverage data reflected on the National Broadband Map.
 - **Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 3-4:30 p.m. ET** – Collecting and submitting bulk challenge data in accordance with Broadband Data Collection (BDC) Data Specifications

Please register [here](#) for the December 10th session. Questions may be submitted in advance to BDCWebinar@fcc.gov or during the session.

- **Note: There was a session on December 3, 2024**, on Mobile challenge thresholds and other things to keep in mind when conducting a test. Please see main [Broadband Data Collection](#) website for more information.

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December 2024 Open Commission Meeting

- The FCC will hold the next open meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. For more information visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/december-2024-open-commission-meeting>.

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