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Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

The FCC held its first monthly open meeting under the leadership of Chairman Brendan Carr. Please see highlights below of the main topics covered during the meeting on February 27, 2025. Click [here](#) to view the recorded meeting.

FCC Seeks to Free Up More Spectrum While Enhancing National Security

- The FCC adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (GN Dockets 25-70, 25-71, 13-185) that would update 5-G/Next Gen suitable AWS-3 spectrum auction rules to reflect developments since the spectrum was originally auctioned over 10 years ago. Part of the proceeds will fund the FCC's Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program ("rip and replace"), which provides reimbursement for costs incurred in the removal of harmful equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation from U.S. communications networks.
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FCC Explores More Innovation and Investment Opportunities in the Upper C-Band

- The FCC adopted a Notice of Inquiry (GN Docket 25-59) to explore whether, and if so how, it could make some or all of the 3.7-4.2 GHz portion of the C-Band (Upper C-Band) available for more intensive use to meet anticipated spectrum demand, spur economic growth by deploying new communications services, and advance American security interests.
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FCC Tailors Wireless Emergency Alerts to Public Safety and Consumer Needs

- The FCC adopted a Report and Order (PS Dockets 15-91, 15-94) to enable safety managers to send silent Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) (without the audio attention signal or vibration cadence) to enhance the effectiveness of WEAs to protect the public. While WEA messages save lives by warning the public of a host of dangerous conditions through alerts on compatible cell phones and mobile devices, the loud signal may prompt consumers to "opt out" or in certain circumstances might put consumers in greater danger. Consumers now will have more options to meet their specific safety needs. In a companion Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission also seeks comment on proposals to give emergency managers and consumers greater customization of WEAs.
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FCC Expands and Strengthens Use of Call Blocking and Robocall Mitigation Tools

- The FCC adopted a Report and Order (CG Docket 17-59) to further combat illegal robocalls by 1) requiring all U.S.-based providers in the call path (originating, intermediate and terminating providers) to use do-not-originate (DNO) lists to block calls highly likely to be illegal (e.g., unused, unallocated and invalid numbers) and 2) establishing an exclusive code to notify callers

when calls have been blocked based on reasonable analytics to better correct erroneous blocking.

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FCC Seeks Comment on Loud Commercial Rules

- The FCC adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (MB 25-72) seeking comment on whether it should update its 2012 rules implementing the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation (CALM) Act. The FCC is responding to a substantial increase in consumer complaints about loud commercials on broadcast, cable, and satellite television programming.
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Next Open Meeting on March 27, 2025

- The FCC will hold the next open meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025.
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