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**Subject Line:** FCC Open Meeting Digest: September 26, 2024

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

The FCC held its last open meeting on September 26, 2024. Please see highlights below of the main subjects discussed during the meeting.

**FCC Adopts Rules to Improve Access to Video Conferencing Services**

- The FCC adopted new rules expanding and improving the accessibility of video conferencing services -- critical for health, education, work and other fundamental activities of life -- for individuals with disabilities. The FCC also amended its rules to expressly authorize the provision of Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) with video conferencing and addressed how the Interstate TRS Fund would support the provision of various forms of TRS in video conferencing. A further proceeding was adopted seeking comment on further rule modifications to facilitate the use of TRS in video conferencing and enhance disability access.

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**FCC Issues \$6M Fine for Election Interference Deepfake Robocalls**

- The FCC issued a \$6 million fine against a political consultant for conducting an illegal robocalls campaign using deepfake, AI-generated voice cloning technology and caller ID spoofing targeting potential New Hampshire voters prior to the state's primary presidential election. The spoofed robocalls carried a deepfake audio recording of President Biden's cloned voice telling prospective voters not to vote in the upcoming primary. The service provider, Lingo Telecom, that carried the traffic, agreed to pay a \$1 million fine and implement a compliance plan under a settlement reached with the FCC.

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**FCC Unlocks Spectrum to Support Advanced Satellite Services**

- The FCC adopted new rules to open up more spectrum in the 17 GHz band for satellite use. Permitting use of 1300 megahertz of contiguous spectrum by non-geostationary orbit (NGSO) space stations in the fixed-satellite service (FSS) in the space-to-Earth (downlink) direction promotes spectrum efficiency, fosters competition and enhances satellite operators' ability to deploy such advanced services as high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved areas. These new rules also support the role of the U.S. in the burgeoning space economy.

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### **FCC Fines Miami Based Pirate Radio Operators for Illegal Broadcasting**

- The FCC imposed fines totaling \$837,330 against three pirate radio operators in Miami. Pirate radio broadcasting is the unauthorized transmission of radio frequency signals in or adjacent to the FM and AM radio bands. The fines were imposed pursuant to the Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement Act (PIRATE Act), enacted by Congress in 2020 to strengthen the FCC's enforcement capabilities against pirate radio operators engaged in the illicit operation of an unauthorized radio station.

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### **FCC Proposes Fines Against New York City Area Pirate Radio Operators**

- The FCC also proposed fines, totaling \$1 million, under the PIRATE Act against three pirate radio operators for allegedly operating pirate radio stations in New Jersey and New York. The proposed actions, known as Notices of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, or NALs, advise the parties on how they have apparently violated the law and set forth proposed monetary penalties but do not constitute final Commission actions. An opportunity to respond and further Commission consideration will occur before the FCC acts further by imposing fines.

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The FCC will hold the next open meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2024. For more information visit: [www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/open-commission-meetings](http://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/open-commission-meetings).

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