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FCC Welcomes Comment Regarding BIAS Providers' Use of Data Caps for Fixed and Mobile Broadband Internet Service: In this Notice of Inquiry (NOI), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) seeks comment regarding Broadband Internet Access Service (BIAS) providers' use of data caps for fixed and mobile broadband internet service. Specifically, the NOI solicits comment on five categories: (1) consumer data usage trends, (2) the impact of data caps on consumers, (3) the impact of data caps on the consumer experience, (4) the impact of data caps on competition, and (5) the Commission's legal authority to promulgate rules on data caps. Reply comments due on December 2, 2024. For more information about the NOI, read Wiley's client alert [here](#).

FCC Requests Comment on Notice of Inquiry Assessing Customer Service Practices Across the Communications Industry: In this NOI, the FCC seeks comment on a wide-ranging inquiry into communications industry customer service practices. The NOI assesses whether customers "have appropriate access to the customer service resources they require to interact with their service provider in a manner that allows them to efficiently resolve issues, avoid unnecessary charges, and make informed choices regarding the services they obtain from these service providers." In particular, the NOI invites comment on available cancellation methods, access

to live customer service representatives, the prevalence of auto renewals, and additional ways to improve the customer experience. Reply comments are due on December 9, 2024. For more information about the NOI, read Wiley's client alert [here](#).

FCC Seeks Comment on Proposed Requirements for Covered Text Providers Under the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: In this Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), the FCC requests comment on requiring that covered text providers, including wireless providers, support georouting—which would enable the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline to route covered 988 text messages to appropriate local crisis centers. Additionally, the FCC tentatively concludes that “Commercial Mobile Radio Service providers must support georouting for Short Message Service (SMS) text messages to 988.” The FCC also proposes “that covered text providers be subject to requirements to send georouting data to the 988 Lifeline to the same extent that they are currently required to send covered 988 texts to the 988 Lifeline.” Comments are due on December 20, 2024. Reply comments are due on January 9, 2025.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- **FCC Open Meeting:** The next FCC Open Meeting is scheduled for December 11. Meeting details and agenda can be found [here](#). The agenda includes:
 - Expanding Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band. A public draft of the item can be found [here](#).
 - Updating Rules for Radio and Television Stations. A public draft of the item can be found [here](#).
 - Modifying Letter of Credit Rules to Facilitate Broadband Buildout. A public draft of the item can be found [here](#).
 - Enforcement Order on Reconsideration. The Memorandum Opinion and Order that will be considered can be found [here](#).
 - Three Enforcement Bureau Actions.
- **FCC Wireless Bureau Broadband Data Task Force Office Hours Sessions:** The FCC Broadband Data Task Force will host two Office Hours sessions, the first on December 3 (mobile challenge thresholds) and the second on December 10 (collecting and submitting bulk challenge data under broadband data collection (BDC) data specifications). More information can be found [here](#).
- **Precision Ag Connectivity Task Force Meeting:** The FCC's Precision Ag Connectivity Task Force will meet virtually on December 5. More information can be found [here](#).
- **FCC Communications Equity and Diversity Council Meeting:** The FCC will host the third meeting of its Communications Equity and Diversity Council on December 6. Additional information is available [here](#).
- **FirstNet Board Meeting:** The FirstNet Authority will hold a combined board and board committees meeting in Colorado on December 11. More information can be found [here](#).
- **North American Numbering Council Meeting:** The North American Numbering Council (NANC) will convene on December 13. Meeting details can be found [here](#).

- **CSRIC IX Meeting:** The Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC IX) will meet in person at the FCC on December 18. More information and the link to the webcast can be found [here](#).

Cyber Corner

NIST Seeks Comment on Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management: On October 30, 2024, NIST released for comment NIST SP 1326: *Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management: Due Diligence Assessment Quick-Start Guide*. Comments are due December 16, 2024.

NIST to Host Cybersecurity Workshop on Internet of Things: On December 4, 2024, NIST will host a workshop on "Updating Manufacture Guidance for Connected Product Development," including the NISTIR 8259 series. The workshop will take place at the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence in Rockville, Maryland.

NIST Seeks Comment on 5G Cybersecurity White Paper: On November 6, 2024, NIST released for comment the third white paper in its series in 5G security and privacy capabilities, *Reallocation of Temporary Identities*. Comments are due on December 6, 2024.

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Wiley partners Amb. David A. Gross, Kathleen A. Kirby, and Richard E. Wiley were recognized among the Top Communications Lawyers of 2024 by *Washingtonian* magazine. Additionally, Kathleen Kirby was recognized as a Top First Amendment & Media Lawyer.

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December 2, 2024 FCC EEO Deadlines for Stations in AL, GA, CO, MN, MT, ND, SD, CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT

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