

rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on or before September 30, 2026 and reply comments are due on or before October 30, 2026.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 54

Communications common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Telecommunications, Telephone.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

Proposed Rules

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 54 as follows:

PART 54—UNIVERSAL SERVICE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 54 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 155, 201, 205, 214, 219, 220, 229, 254, 303(r), 403, 1004, 1302, 1601–1609, and 1752, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Amend § 54.703 by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 54.703 The Administrator's Board of Directors.

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(e) All meetings of the Administrator's Board of Directors shall be open to the public.

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■ 3. Amend § 54.707 by revising paragraph (a) and adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 54.707 Audit controls.

(a) The Administrator shall have the authority to audit contributors, and carriers, and beneficiaries (including participating schools, libraries, and health care providers) reporting data to the Administrator. The Administrator shall establish procedures to verify discounts, offsets and support amounts provided by the universal service support programs, and may suspend or delay discounts, offsets, and support amounts provided to a carrier if the contributor, carrier, or beneficiary fails to provide adequate verification of discounts, offsets, or support amounts provided upon reasonable request, or if directed by the Commission to do so. The Administrator shall not provide reimbursements, offsets or support amounts pursuant to subparts D, K, L and M of this part to a carrier until the carrier has provided to the Administrator a true and correct copy of the decision of a state commission

designating that carrier as an eligible telecommunications carrier in accordance with § 54.202.

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(d) The Administrator shall have the authority when conducting an audit to calculate a recovery based on extrapolation of a statistically representative sample of disbursements at issue in the audit.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 64

[CG Docket Nos. 02–278, 05–338, 17–59; DA 26–867; FR ID 364588]

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Seeks To Dismiss Twenty-Four Mooted or Outdated Petitions

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notification.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks to assess the continuing interest in certain petitions that were filed between 2003 and 2023. The Commission plans to dismiss the petitions with prejudice unless a petitioner or other interested party files a letter in the relevant docket specifying that it objects to the dismissal of the petition and the reason for such objection.

DATES: Petitioners may file a letter in CG Docket Nos. 02–278, 05–338, or 17–59 on or before October 15, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Any petitioner or other interested party objecting to the dismissal of its petition must file a letter stating its objection. The letter must reference its docket number(s), and may be filed by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.

- *Paper Filers:* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

- Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the

FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners.

Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

- Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

- Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail Express must be sent to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard D. Smith of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at Richard.Smith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of Public Notice, DA 26–867, CG Docket Nos. 02–278, 05–338, 17–59, released on August 19, 2026. The full text of this document is available at DA–26–867A1.pdf. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530. The proceedings this Notice initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules.

Synopsis

By this Public Notice, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) announces its intention to dismiss with prejudice the petitions identified herein 45 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

To improve efficiency and reduce backlog, the Bureau seeks to determine whether the entities listed below remain interested in their petitions. Parties filed these petitions between 2003 and 2023, and they have gone without advocacy for several years. In addition, the specific matters to which they relate likely have been mooted or outdated by advancements in technology, changes in consumer preferences, or changes in regulations that have occurred since.

Consistent with our past practice, we therefore plan to dismiss the petitions with prejudice unless a petitioner or other interested party files a letter in the relevant docket or dockets within 45 days of the date of the **Federal Register** publication of this *Notice* specifying that it objects to the dismissal of the petition and the reasons for such objection. Upon release of this *Notice*, the Bureau will send copies hereof to the petitioners via certified mail at the last available mailing address associated with the petition.

The petitions, along with related information, are:

1. Petitioner Mark Boling, Petition for Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 8/11/2003.

2. Petitioner Vincent Lucas, Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 6/18/2014.

3. Petitioner Sumotext Corp., Petition for Expedited Clarification or, in the Alternative, Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 9/3/2015.

4. Petitioner Todd C. Bank, Petition for Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 3/7/2016.

5. Petitioner Network Communications International Corp., Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 5/10/2016.

6. Petitioner RingCentral, Inc., Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 7/6/2016.

7. Petitioner Anthem, Inc. et al., Joint Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling and/or Clarification, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 7/28/2016.

8. Petitioner Craig Moskowitz and Craig Cunningham, Petition for Rulemaking and Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket Nos. 02–278, 05–338; Petition filed 1/22/2017.

9. Petitioner M3 USA Corp., Petition of Expedited Declaratory Ruling, CG

Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 3/20/2017.

10. Petitioner Insights Association and American Association for Public Opinion Research, Petition for Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 10/30/2017.

11. Petitioner Federal Housing Finance Agency, Petitions for Expedited Declaratory Ruling and Urgent Clarification, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 11/15/2017.

12. Petitioner Inovalon, Inc., Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 2/20/2018.

13. Petitioner U.S. Chamber Institute For Legal Reform, et al., Petition for Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 5/3/2018.

14. Petitioner Life Insurance Direct Marketing Association et al., Petition for Clarification and Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 6/18/2018.

15. Petitioner Best Doctors, Inc., Petition for Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket Nos. 02–278, 05–338; Petition filed 12/14/2018.

16. Petitioner Patrick Maupin, Petition for Clarification, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 6/21/2019.

17. Petitioner American Banker Association, et al., Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling, Clarification, or Waiver, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 3/30/2020.

18. Petitioner Assurance IQ, LLC, Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 5/12/2020.

19. Petitioner National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Petition for Clarification or, in the Alternative, Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 8/17/2020.

20. Petitioner Enterprise Communications Advocacy Coalition, Petition for Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 7/30/2021.

21. Petitioner Pragmatic Deliveries, LLC, Petition for revision of Reassigned Number Database technical requirements, CG Docket No. 17–59; Petition filed 11/9/21.

22. Petitioner Hustle, Inc., Petition for Waiver from Fee Requirements, CG Docket No. 17–59; Petition filed 3/30/2022.

23. Petitioner *DentalPlans.com*, Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling or in the Alternative, Retroactive Waiver, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 1/3/2023.

24. Petitioner Mark W. Dobronski, Petition for Clarification and Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02–278; Petition filed 12/13/2023.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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