



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Sunshine Act Meeting; Open Commission Meeting Thursday, October 29, 2026

October 22, 2026

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, October 29, 2026 which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

While attendance at the Open Meeting is available to the public, the FCC headquarters building is not open access, and all guests must check in with and be screened by FCC security at the main entrance on L Street. Attendees at the Open Meeting will not be required to have an appointment but must otherwise comply with protocols outlined at: www.fcc.gov/visit. Open Meetings are streamed live at: www.fcc.gov/live and on the FCC's YouTube channel.

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>BUREAU</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
1	WIRELESS TELE-COMMUNICATIONS	<p>TITLE: Auctioning the 1675-1695 MHz and 2020-2025 MHz Bands (WT Docket No. 26-284); Unleashing Licensed Spectrum for Direct-to-Device (GN Docket No. 26-281); Allocation and Service Rules for the 1675-1680 MHz Band (WT Docket No. 19-116)</p> <p>SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) that would unlock 25 megahertz of prime mid-band</p>

spectrum for advanced commercial communications services, including terrestrial, direct-to-device (D2D), or a hybrid of both. The rules proposed in this item, if adopted, would enable the auctioning, licensing, and rapid development of the 1675–1695 MHz and 2020–2025 MHz bands. In particular, the FNPRM would propose and seek comment on policies, service and technical rules, and coordination requirements for the 1675–1695 MHz and 2020–2025 MHz bands.

**2 WIRELESS TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS**

TITLE: Unleashing Licensed Spectrum for Direct-to-Device (GN Docket No. 26-281); Single Network Future: Supplemental Coverage from Space (GN Docket No. 23-65)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would modernize the Commission’s rules for Direct-to-Device (D2D) services in licensed spectrum. The rules proposed in this item, if adopted, would make an additional 482 megahertz of spectrum available for Supplemental Coverage from Space (SCS), eliminate burdensome SCS requirements, and consider measures to modernize and harmonize the SCS and the Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) rules.

**3 WIRELESS TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS**

TITLE: Unleashing American Drone Dominance

(GN Docket No. 26-74); Spectrum Rules and Policies for the Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (WT Docket No. 22-323); Facilitating Opportunities for Advanced Air Mobility (WT Docket No. 24-629)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Report and Order (R&O) that would eliminate an outdated restriction that prevents drone operations in the 800 MHz Cellular band. The R&O would unlock 50 megahertz of licensed, nationwide, low-band spectrum for drone use and promote parity with other similar flexible-use bands.

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**OFFICE OF
ENGINEERING AND
TECHNOLOGY**

TITLE: Prohibiting Test Labs and Certification Bodies in Non-Reciprocal Countries (ET Docket No. 24-136)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Third Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) aimed to strengthen the integrity, security, and resiliency of the FCC's equipment authorization program by prohibiting the recognition of Test Labs, Telecommunications Certification Bodies, and laboratory accreditation bodies located in non-Reciprocal Economies, which are territories lacking a Mutual Recognition Agreement or other

comparable reciprocal trade agreement with the United States. It would also require all substantive FCC testing, certification, and accreditation activities on which equipment authorization depends, to occur in the U.S. or Reciprocal Economies. The item would adopt a uniform transition period ending December 1, 2028, that would enable Test Labs to expand capacity and manufacturers in the U.S. and Reciprocal Economies two years to find alternative Test Labs and expand capacity. The accompanying FNRPM would seek comment on a range of additional equipment authorization integrity measures.

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**OFFICE OF
INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS**

TITLE: Review of International Section 214 Authorizations to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks (IB Docket No. 23-119); Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission's Rules (MD Docket No. 23-134)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would modernize the Commission's international section 214 framework to strengthen protections for U.S.

telecommunications services and infrastructure,
while reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens.

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**WIRELINE
COMPETITION**

TITLE: Connect America Fund: A National
Broadband Plan for our Future High-Cost
Universal Support (WC Docket No. 10-90);
Reforming the High-Cost Program for an All-IP
Future (WC Docket No. 26-96); Safeguarding
Universal Service Funding Through Effective
Applicant Vetting (WC Docket No. 26-288)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that, if adopted,
would seek comment on proposals for
implementing the Rural Broadband Protection Act
(RBPA). The RBPA, enacted on May 11, 2026,
directs the Commission to initiate a rulemaking
proceeding within 180 days to establish a vetting
process for applicants for, and other recipients of, a
new covered funding award, which the Notice
interprets as an award of high-cost support based
on an application for funding to support the
deployment of a broadband-capable network and
the provision of supported services over the
network.

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**CONSUMER AND
GOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS**

TITLE: Implementation of Sections 716 and 717
of the Communications Act of 1934, as Enacted by

minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to: fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530.

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Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Office of Media Relations, (202) 418-0500. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC Live web page at www.fcc.gov/live.

Authority: This meeting is held, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b).

Federal Communications Commission.

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