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## **WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU INVITES COMMENT ON CALLER ID AUTHENTICATION PROGRESS FOR REPORT TO CONGRESS**

**WC Docket No. 20-323**

**Comments Due: October 16, 2020**

**Reply Comments Due: October 26, 2020**

To facilitate preparation of a report to Congress required by the Pallone-Thune Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) invites comment on the extent to which providers of voice service have implemented caller ID authentication frameworks in the IP and non-IP portions of their networks and on the efficacy of those frameworks in addressing all aspects of caller ID authentication.<sup>1</sup>

The TRACED Act requires that the Commission, as part of the report, analyze “the extent to which providers of voice service have implemented” STIR/SHAKEN in their IP networks and a non-IP caller ID authentication solution in their non-IP networks.<sup>2</sup> This analysis must also investigate “whether the availability of necessary equipment and equipment upgrades has impacted such implementation.”<sup>3</sup> The TRACED Act also requires that the Commission assess the efficacy of STIR/SHAKEN and non-IP caller ID authentication solutions in “addressing all aspects of call authentication.”<sup>4</sup> The Bureau invites comment on each of the topics that must be addressed in the report. Regarding a non-IP solution, the Bureau seeks comment not only on the extent to which voice service providers have implemented such a solution, but also the extent to which industry has made progress in developing such a solution. The Bureau also invites comment on the benefits of caller ID authentication technologies for consumers and on how best to evaluate the effectiveness of caller ID authentication frameworks given that such technologies are not yet ubiquitously deployed.

*Filing Requirements.* Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the dates indicated above. Comments may be filed by paper or by using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each

<sup>1</sup> Pallone-Thune Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act, Pub. L. No. 116-105 (2019) (TRACED Act) § 4(b)(3). The report is due no later than December 30, 2020. *Id.*

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* § 4(b)(3)(A).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* § 4(b)(3)(B).

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- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. See FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy, Public Notice, 20-304 (March 19, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

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*Ex Parte Rules.* The proceeding is considered a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>5</sup> Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in these proceedings should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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<sup>5</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200(a) *et seq.*