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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE FOR STIR/SHAKEN RULES

### WC Docket No. 17-97

On November 21, 2024, the Commission adopted the *Call Authentication Trust Anchor Eighth Report and Order (Eighth Caller ID Authentication Report and Order)*.<sup>1</sup> In that *Order*, the Commission adopted rules that strengthen the Commission's caller ID authentication requirements by authorizing providers with a STIR/SHAKEN implementation obligation to work with third parties to perform the technological act of signing calls so long as the provider with the STIR/SHAKEN implementation obligation: (1) makes all attestation level decisions, consistent with the STIR/SHAKEN technical standards; and (2) ensures that all calls are signed using its own certificate obtained from a STIR/SHAKEN Certificate Authority—not the certificate of a third party.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission explained that the new rules include recordkeeping and Robocall Mitigation Database certification requirements that may contain new or modified information collections subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).<sup>3</sup> The Commission further explained that the *Eighth Caller ID Authentication Report and Order* includes other rules that do not themselves require OMB approval, but that in practice, compliance with those rules would likely entail compliance with the other rules that may be subject to OMB review.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, the Commission set a compliance deadline for all newly adopted rules of 30 days after publication of the *Eighth Caller ID Authentication Report and Order* in the Federal Register following OMB approval, or 210 days after release of the *Order* (i.e., June,

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<sup>1</sup> *Call Authentication Trust Anchor*, WC Docket No. 17-97, Eighth Report and Order, 39 FCC Rcd 12894 (2024) (*Eighth Caller ID Authentication Report and Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 12903-04, para. 14. The *Eighth Caller ID Authentication Report and Order* did not change the current exemption from STIR/SHAKEN call authentication obligations for providers that do not control the network infrastructure necessary to authenticate calls, and the new third-party authentication rules therefore do not affect those providers' obligations. *See id.* at 12904, para. 14 n.64. Providers that control the network infrastructure necessary to authenticate calls are the "first parties" in any third-party authentication arrangement because they are the parties with the authentication obligation. *See id.* at 12905-07, para. 17. That obligation "does not change simply because the provider has an upstream customer . . . that is not the ultimate end user of the voice service and does not itself have a STIR/SHAKEN implementation obligation" (e.g., a reseller that does not control the network infrastructure necessary to authenticate calls). *See id.* Providers with a STIR/SHAKEN authentication obligation must only assign attestation levels in accordance with the STIR/SHAKEN standards. *See id.* at 12907-08, para. 18.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 12920, para. 34.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

20, 2025), whichever is later.<sup>5</sup> The Commission also directed the Wireline Competition Bureau to announce the effective date for the rules by Public Notice.<sup>6</sup>

On August, 11, 2025, OMB completed its review of the recordkeeping and certification requirements in the *Eighth Caller ID Authentication Report and Order* and approved the information collection for a period of three years. On August 19, 2025, the *Eighth Caller ID Authentication Order* was published in the Federal Register.<sup>7</sup> Accordingly, compliance with all of the rules adopted in the *Eighth Caller ID Authentication Report and Order* is required by September 18, 2025.

For further information regarding the STIR/SHAKEN rules, please contact Jonathan Lechter, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at 202-418-0984, or [Jonathan.Lechter@fcc.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Lechter@fcc.gov).

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 12920, para. 35.

<sup>7</sup> FCC, Call Authentication Trust Anchor, Eighth Report and Order, 90 Fed. Reg. 40241 (Aug. 19, 2025).