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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES AGENDA AND PANELISTS FOR JULY 15 AND JULY 16, 2026 WORKSHOP ON IP TRANSITION PROCEEDINGS

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces the agenda and panelists for its industry workshop to discuss the proposed reforms to Internet Protocol (IP) interconnection, intercarrier compensation, and related legacy Universal Service Fund issues, as previously announced on April 30, 2026.¹ The full agenda is attached to this Public Notice.²

The workshop will include discussions of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) proposed reforms to accelerate the transition from legacy voice networks to modern, all-IP networks. Discussion topics will also cover the effort to complete the transition of intercarrier compensation charges to bill-and-keep, reforming the High-Cost Universal Service Fund program for an all-IP future, and other IP transition considerations.³ Industry experts and stakeholders will assist in developing potential solutions that support the FCC's goal of a smooth and efficient transition to all-IP networks.⁴

- **Date and Time:** Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- **In-Person:** Commission Meeting Room, Federal Communications Commission, 45 L St. NE, Washington, DC, 20554. Attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the workshop to allow time to go through the FCC's security process. The FCC will accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating capacity regardless of registration status.
- **Virtual:** Members of the public who cannot attend the workshop in person can access a livestream of the event at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.
- **Registration:** This event is free and open to the public. The online registration form can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/ip-transition-workshop-online-registration-form>. Though it is not required, prior registration is encouraged to expedite in-person admission to the workshop.

Registrants can submit a question for the panelists using the optional text field within the registration form. Although submitting a question increases the likelihood that it will be raised, we cannot guarantee that every question will be addressed. Questions that are similar to others may be consolidated or grouped in the interest of time and efficiency. The deadline for question submission will close on **July 8, 2026**, and additional questions will not be accepted for submission following this date, although registration will continue to be available to facilitate expedited entry through security.

¹ See *Wireline Competition Bureau to Host a Workshop on IP Transition Proceedings on July 15 and July 16, 2026*, Public Notice, DA 26-428 (WCB Apr. 30, 2026).

² See Attachment. Panelist participation is subject to change, and additional panelists may be included.

³ See *Reforming Legacy Rules for an All-IP Future; Accelerating Network Modernization*, WC Docket Nos. 25-311 and 25-208, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 26-11, at 2, para. 1 (Feb. 19, 2026).

⁴ See *id.* at 72, para. 176.

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For further information, please contact Irina Asoskov at (202) 418-2196 or irina.asoskov@fcc.gov.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
2026 IP TRANSITION WORKSHOP
JULY 15, 2026 – JULY 16, 2026
DAY 1 – JULY 15

9:30 AM WELCOME

Jodie Griffin, Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC

9:35 AM OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Carr, FCC

9:45 AM SESSION I: ACCELERATING THE TRANSITION TO ALL-IP INTERCONNECTION

Panel 1: The Right Interconnection Framework for an All-IP World (9:45am to 10:45am)

Moderators:

Michele Berlove, *Assistant Chief, Competition Policy Division, WCB*
Jesse Goodwin, *Attorney Advisor, Competition Policy Division, WCB*

Panelists:

Diana Eisner, *Vice President, Regulatory and Legal Affairs, USTelecom*
Harold Feld, *Senior Vice President, Public Knowledge*
Jason Hendricks, *Chief Government Relations Officer, Range*
Ben Sanborn, *Senior Counsel, Conterra Networks*
Brett Scorza, *Chief Technology Officer, Inteliquent/Sinch*

Panel 2: Considerations in Transitioning to IP Interconnection (11:00am to 12:00pm)

Moderators:

Michele Berlove, *Assistant Chief, Competition Policy Division, WCB*
Jesse Goodwin, *Attorney Advisor, Competition Policy Division, WCB*

Panelists:

Jason Campbell, *CEO, FirstLight Fiber*
Hany Fahmy, *Assistant Vice President, AT&T*
Jody Kalt, *Voice Services Engineer, SDN Communications*
Matt Nickols, *Associate Fellow, Verizon*
Brigid Riordan, *CEO, Nsight*

12:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

1:30 PM SESSION II: IP TRANSITION CONSIDERATIONS**Panel 3: Public Safety Considerations in Transitioning to IP Interconnection (1:30pm to 2:45pm)*****Moderators:***

Rachel Waxman, *Deputy Chief, Policy and Licensing Division, PSHSB*
Alison Venable, *Attorney Advisor, Policy and Licensing Division, PSHSB*

Panelists:

April Heinze, *Vice President of 9-1-1 Operations and Standards, NENA*
Rob Morse, *Associate General Counsel, Verizon*
Greg Rogers, *Head of Global Public Policy, Bandwidth*
Lance Terry, *Vice President, NASNA*
Jerry Wilke, *Director of Sales Engineering, Intrado*

Panel 4: Consumer Protection and the IP Transition (3:00pm to 4:00pm)***Moderators:***

Chris Laughlin, *Deputy Chief, Competition Policy Division, WCB*
Michael Scott, *Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Office, CGB*

Panelists:

David Bahar, *Director, Telecommunications Access of Maryland*
Rebekah Johnson, *Founder & CEO, Numeracle*
Joshua Ruby, *General Counsel, Granite Telecommunications*
Jim Tyrell, *Vice President, Information Services Communications Market, TNS*
Chris Wendt, *Vice President, Systems Engineering, Somos*

4:00 PM WRAP-UP

Jodie Griffin, Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC

DAY 2 – JULY 16**9:30 AM WELCOME**

Allison Baker, Associate Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC

9:35 AM OPENING REMARKS

Commissioner Trusty, FCC

9:45 AM SESSION III: COMPLETING THE TRANSITION TO BILL-AND-KEEP**Panel 5: Considerations in Transitioning Access Charges to Bill-and-Keep (9:45am to 10:45am)*****Moderator:***

Peter Bean, *Attorney Advisor, Pricing Policy Division, WCB*

Panelists:

Randy Clarke, *Associate General Counsel, Verizon/Verizon Wireless*

Jim Lennon, *Senior Director, Project Management – Access Services, Inteliquent/Sinch*

Steve Morris, *VP & Deputy General Counsel, NCTA*

Roger Nishi, *General Manager, Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom*

Panel 6: Transitioning CAF-ICC and Telephone Access Charges to an All-IP Future (11:00am to 12:00pm)***Moderator:***

David Zesiger, *Deputy Chief, Pricing Policy Division, WCB*

Panelists:

Brian Benison, *Assistant Vice President, Federal Relations, AT&T*

Timothy Boucher, *Assistant General Counsel, Lumen*

Beth Choroser, *Consultant, Comcast*

Rick Darsey, *COO, Pelican Broadband*

12:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

1:30 PM RECONVENING REMARKS

Recorded remarks by Commissioner Gomez, FCC

1:45 PM SESSION IV: REFORMING THE HIGH-COST PROGRAM FOR AN ALL-IP FUTURE**Panel 7: Funding for an All-IP Future (1:45pm to 2:45pm)*****Moderators:***

AJ Burton, *Associate Chief, WCB*

Scott Lively, *Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, WCB*

Panelists:

Jonathan Chambers, *Co-CEO, Conexon Connect*

Jeff Dupree, *Vice President, Regulatory & Government Relations, NECA*

Douglas Meredith, *Economic Advisor, JSI*

Nick Rogness, *General Manager & CEO, Golden West*

Panel 8: Updating the Commission's Legacy High-Cost and A-CAM Mechanisms (3:00pm to 4:00pm)***Moderators:***

AJ Burton, *Associate Chief, WCB*

Scott Lively, *Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, WCB*

Panelists:

Joe Bissonnette, *Principal, Satellite Policy, SpaceX*

Rick Darsey, *COO, Pelican Broadband*

Justin Faulb, *Senior Vice President of Policy & General Counsel, NTCA*

Jeff Lanning, *Vice President & Senior Associate General Counsel, Brightspeed*

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