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FCC to Delete 386 Outdated Wireline Rules and Requirements

Agency Leverages Streamlined Process to Remove Obsolete Regulations

WASHINGTON, September 30, 2025—Today, the Federal Communications Commission took action for removal of an additional 29,181 words, 69 pages, and 386 rules and requirements from the books that have been identified as obsolete, outdated, or unnecessary, some of which had implemented now-defunct policies from the breakup of Ma Bell in 1984. This marks the latest action in the Commission’s “In re: Delete, Delete, Delete” docket, which seeks public input on identifying FCC rules for the purpose of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens.

Today’s action deletes primarily wireline-related rules and requirements that govern obsolete technology, are duplicative, or are no longer used in practice. These rules pertain to a wide variety of now-defunct topics including regulatory reporting requirements, distinctions between wireline carriers that are no longer applied, technology that has been eclipsed, and dates pertaining to rate regulation, universal service, pilot programs, and equipment requirements that have since passed.

This action is the product of the FCC’s Delete [proceeding](#) through which it has sought comment on every rule, regulation, or guidance document that the FCC should eliminate for the purposes of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens. This proceeding has produced overwhelming public comment and constructive feedback that will be considered both in Delete and other proceedings.

Today’s decision is the latest in an important, streamlined process to remove regulations at scale without going through years of unnecessary legal procedures. During the August Open Meeting, the Commission [approved](#) the repeal of 98 broadcast rules and requirements. At the July Open Meeting, the Commission [approved](#) the removal of obsolete telegraph, rabbit-ear receiver, and phone booth rules. Today’s action continues the FCC’s work to unleash a new wave of economic opportunity by ending unnecessary, outdated, and burdensome regulations.

Action by the Commission September 30, 2025 by Direct Final Rule (FCC 25-68). Chairman Carr and Commissioner Trusty approving. Commissioner Gomez dissenting. Chairman Carr, Commissioners Gomez and Trusty issuing separate statements.

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