What Should I Include in the Explanations and Comments?

You may include brief explanatory comments about any information in the filing. Additionally, we require or recommend that you provide information on the topics listed below if they relate to your filing. (* = topic requires an explanation in this section).

Holding Company / Common Control Name

If you enter a new Holding Company / Common Control Name on the Filer Identification page, please provide any additional information about this new entry on this page.

Form 499 Filer ID

If your company’s Form 499 Filer ID did not appear when you tried to enter it on the Filer Identification page, please provide the correct Form 499 Filer ID on this page. The list of Form 499 Filer IDs used in the filing interface is not updated in real-time, so if your Filer ID was issued or updated recently, it may not be included in the list used by the interface.

Emergency Contact Information

If you wish to provide additional information about your emergency contact, beyond what is included on the Filer Identification page, please enter that on this page. This could include, for example, additional phone numbers or a back-up contact person.

*Satellite Providers Filing Abbreviated Fixed Broadband Deployment Data

Satellite providers that filed abbreviated fixed broadband deployment data must provide an explanation in this section. Specifically, satellite providers that filed a single block record of fixed broadband deployment data for a state or group of states in which the provider’s deployment can be represented by identical records for every block in that state or group of states, must indicate that this was their intent. See How Should I Format My Fixed Broadband Deployment Data?, section 4.

*Use of “All Other” or “Other” Technology or Spectrum Codes

If you used the technology code “All Other” or “0” in your fixed broadband deployment or fixed broadband subscription data, please provide an explanation of the technology here. However, please consider that we expect that each widely-deployed fixed broadband technology will fit into one of the specified technology categories. If you used the “Terrestrial Mobile Wireless – Other” or “88” code, or if you used the spectrum code “Other” or “103,” in your mobile broadband deployment or mobile voice deployment shapefiles, please provide an explanation of the technology and/or spectrum band here.

*Method for Determining the Number of Interconnected VoIP Subscriptions

Please explain the methodology used to determine the number of interconnected VoIP subscriptions reported in the Fixed Voice Subscription section. This number must be based on the maximum number of interconnected VoIP calls that customers may have active – at the same time – between their physical location and the public switched telephone network (for more information on these italicized terms, see the Glossary). The maximum
number of such calls may be set out under the terms of service agreements with business, institutional, or government customers, or it may be determined by some other method that best reflects customer needs and requirements. For example, providers that market against traditional business telephone systems should be able to estimate reliably what their customers’ requirements would be for trunks between a traditional PBX and the telephone company.

*Method for Assigning Mobile Subscriptions to States

Mobile broadband and mobile voice subscribers can be assigned to a state based on the area code of the device’s phone number or by using some other method that best reflects the subscriber’s location, such as billing address or place of primary use address. Please explain the methodology used to assign mobile broadband and mobile voice subscribers to a state in the Mobile Broadband Subscription and Mobile Voice Subscription sections of the form, respectively.

Substantial Changes

If your subscriber counts or bandwidth entries have changed substantially from your previous submission, please provide an explanation of those changes on this page.