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## **BIENNIAL RECERTIFICATION OF STUDY AREA BOUNDARY OR UPDATE**

Companies will recall that the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau ("Bureau") previously required each incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") to submit online with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") a map containing its service boundary area, at the exchange area level, along with a certification that the information was accurate. Each ILEC should have already submitted its study area boundary map information and its certification that the information was accurate in 2013.

The Bureau also required each ILEC, following the initial boundary data filing, to submit annual updates for boundary changes by March 15th of each year, for any changes made by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. In addition, each ILEC must recertify the accuracy of its service area boundary data every two years. Therefore, ILECs are required this year to either recertify online that the service area boundary information on file with the FCC is accurate or make necessary updates to correct the information by March 16, 2015 (since March 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday).

### **Biennially Recertifying that the Service Area Boundary Information is Accurate.**

To recertify that the service area boundary information that has been submitted for your company is accurate, access the FCC's service area boundary data collection website to view the service area boundary information on file for the company and then certify that the information is accurate. The FCC's service area boundary data collection site can be accessed at the following location: <https://sab.fcc.gov/ilec/login/>

### **Updating the Service Area Boundary Information.**

Should your company need to make changes to the service area boundary map information currently on file with the FCC, the updated service area boundary information, at the exchange area level, will need to be prepared as an ersi shapefile and then uploaded to the FCC service area boundary data collection site online at <https://sab.fcc.gov/ilec/login/>.

GVNW can assist your company with either the recertification of the service area boundary information or by preparing an ersi shapefile with any necessary changes to the service area boundary map, and also by uploading it to the FCC's service area boundary data collection site to update the information.

For any assistance relating to the recertification process or to update the service area boundary map information, please contact Wendy Trahan at (830) 895-7232, [wtrahan@gvnw.com](mailto:wtrahan@gvnw.com).