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PRESS STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN KEVIN MARTIN

The following is a statement by FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin in response to the decision today by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit regarding local franchising authority rules for new entrants in video services:

"I am pleased that the Court recognized and unanimously supported the Commission's authority and our rules. Over the last ten years, cable rates have more than doubled. Consumers need greater choice and more competition to help address the soaring price of cable television. This ruling helps ensure that new competitors to cable are not subjected to unreasonable delays, build-out requirements and fees when trying to compete with the incumbent cable operators.

"Finally, when we adopted this item Dissenting Commissioner Adelstein publicly criticized the Bureau for having insufficient record evidence. I am particularly pleased that the Court directly addressed his claims, unanimously finding that 'the administrative record fully supported the agency's rulemaking and belies any claims of arbitrary or capricious regulatory activity'."

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