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COMMISSIONER JONATHAN ADELSTEIN'S STATEMENT ON FCC'S RURAL BROADBAND REPORT TO CONGRESS

Washington, D.C. – Today, the FCC released a report that was submitted to Congress on May 22nd, 2009. The following statement on the report, entitled “Bringing Broadband to Rural America: Report on a Rural Broadband Strategy”, can be attributed to Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein:

“I want to thank Chairman Copps for releasing this important report and for his commitment to broadband in rural America. This isn't a report that just *talks* about interagency coordination. It has already served as a catalyst for encouraging greater discussion across the federal government that is unprecedented in my time on the Commission. This Administration – from President Obama on down – has clearly begun to focus attention across the many agencies involved on the mission of promoting broadband to rural America. It recognizes the benefits that can be gained not just by the technology sector, which is badly in need of a boost, but across the many issues facing rural areas, from health care, education, energy, agriculture and, above all, restoring economic growth. This report represents a key step toward the national broadband plan Congress has charged the FCC with completing.”