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STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON THE PROPOSED THIRD QUARTER 2012 UNIVERSAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTION FACTOR

The good news is that the universal service contribution factor announced today is down from last quarter. The bad news is that the contribution factor has increased more than 65% since the first quarter of 2009. Today's announcement is a stark reminder that the Commission must take swift action to reform the outdated universal service contribution mechanism once the comment cycle for the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking closes on August 6. After all, the contribution factor has a direct and substantial impact on every American's monthly phone bill.