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See *MCI v. FCC*, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON APPROVAL OF THE T-MOBILE AND METROPCS LICENSE TRANSFER**

Re: *Applications of Deutsche Telekom AG, T-Mobile USA, Inc. and MetroPCS Communications, Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 12-301.*

When markets are competitive, consumers are better off when the government forbears from intervening and allows private parties to negotiate and enter into voluntary agreements. As I have said before, mutual consent implies mutual benefit, and it is accordingly in the public interest for freely-negotiated contracts to be allowed and enforced so long as third parties are not harmed.

That's why I welcome today's action by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approving the license transfer between T-Mobile and MetroPCS well before the expiration of the Commission's 180-day transactional shot clock. Additionally, the Bureau did not impose divestitures or similar conditions on this combination of the fourth and fifth largest wireless providers, in recognition of the highly competitive nature of the wireless market. Going forward, I hope that the full Commission's approach to reviewing transactions also reflects prompt consideration on the merits.