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Statement From FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski on Proposals for Technology Transitions Trials

Washington, D.C. – The following statement is attributable to FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski:

“Today we propose moving forward with real-world trials to help accelerate the ongoing technology transitions moving us to modern broadband networks. Trials are a smart approach that we have deployed before. Transitions to modern fiber and IP-based broadband networks, and the increased deployment of wireless technology, have the potential to unleash substantial economic benefits for our country, and advance national priorities like education and health care. The ongoing transitions must be handled in a way that advances the Commission’s vital longstanding goals of competition, universal service, consumer protection and public safety. This has been our philosophy as we’ve taken other major steps to harness the opportunities of broadband, including transformation of the Universal Service Fund, creation of the Connect America Fund, and elimination of intercarrier compensation. It is the philosophy that should guide the Commission’s next steps as the agency determines exactly how to structure trials and move forward expeditiously.”