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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF LPFM FILING WINDOW

I applaud today's Public Notice by the Media Bureau announcing that the window for low-power FM applications will open on October 15, 2013. Last November, I proposed to my colleagues that we set October 15 as the target date for the filing window so that community organizations could prepare their applications and begin planning new stations.¹ I was pleased that this target date was included in the *Sixth Report and Order*.² And I am even more pleased that, thanks to the hard work of those in the Media Bureau, we are meeting that target. Enabling new low-power FM stations to begin broadcasting is critical to advancing the Commission's diversity goals, and I encourage interested organizations across the country to take advantage of this opportunity.

¹ *Creation of a Low Power Radio Service and Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations*, Sixth Report and Order and Fifth Order on Reconsideration, 27 FCC Rcd 15402, 15520 (2012) (Statement of Commissioner Ajit Pai), available at <http://go.usa.gov/bmD9>.

² *Id.* at 15481, para. 211.