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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ADDRESSING FCC PROCESS REFORM

I am pleased that today the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Communications and Technology is examining ways to improve FCC processes. Process often dictates outcomes. Unfortunately, this means that FCC rules and policies can impede investment and innovation in the communications sector. Legislation reforming FCC processes is an important way to address this problem, and I look forward to working with Members of Congress on statutory solutions, including consolidating the many redundant reports that the Commission must produce each year. In the meantime, there is much that we at the Commission could do right now to improve and modernize our operations. For example, by creating more internal deadlines, adopting sunset clauses, weighing costs and benefits, streamlining our review of transactions, and enhancing transparency, the Commission could better serve the American people. I hope that today's hearing portends progress in updating FCC processes to reflect the realities of today's marketplace.