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**STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER ON DISH AND SINCLAIR
DECISION TO END THE BLACKOUT, RESTART NEGOTIATIONS**

Washington, August 26, 2015 – After Chairman Wheeler directed the Media Bureau to convene an emergency meeting with DISH Networks and Sinclair Broadcasting, the parties announced today they would extend their retransmission negotiations and end the blackout affecting 129 television stations in 79 markets – the most markets ever impacted. The following statement can be attributed to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler:

“On behalf of more than 5 million consumers nationwide, I am pleased DISH and Sinclair have agreed to end one of the largest blackouts in history and extend their negotiations. The FCC will remain vigilant while the negotiations continue.”

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