

Media Contact:

Neil Grace (202) 418-0506
neil.grace@fcc.gov

For Immediate Release

**JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE FCC AND NTIA
FOLLOWING THE BIENNIAL SPECTRUM PLANNING MEETING ON FRIDAY, APRIL
1, 2016, BETWEEN FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF COMMERCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION AND NTIA
ADMINISTRATOR LAWRENCE E. STRICKLING**

WASHINGTON, April 1, 2016 – The following statement can be attributed to FCC spokesman Neil Grace:

“The Chairman and the Assistant Secretary met and discussed spectrum planning and management priorities. The Chairman reported that the Commission began the incentive auction this week. They discussed the FCC and NTIA’s collective work to identify and prioritize opportunities to increase spectrum availability, including for 5G and other innovative uses. In an important example of this collaboration, both affirmed a continued commitment to taking the steps necessary to meet the President’s goal of making 500 megahertz of additional spectrum available for wireless broadband by 2020.”

###

**Office of Media Relations: (202) 418-0500
TTY: (888) 835-5322
Twitter: @FCC
www.fcc.gov/office-media-relations**