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## STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY ON COMMISSION'S FORMATION OF AN OFFICE OF ECONOMICS AND DATA

WASHINGTON, April 5, 2017. — "The Chairman's implementation of a key proposal from the new Administration's Transition Team is laudable and consistent with my calls for similar action. This important structural change will help unite agency economists and bring greater efficiency, cohesion, and consistency to their work. Over the longer term, binding cost-benefit analysis will provide a stronger foundation for agency decisions and ensure any burdens imposed by the Commission are truly justified."

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