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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O’RIELLY
ON DC CIRCUIT DENIAL OF PETITION TO RECONSIDER
NET NEUTRALITY DECISION EN BANC**

WASHINGTON, May 1, 2017. — “I disagreed with the Court’s 2016 split decision, and also disagree with the split decision not to reconsider the matter *en banc*. However, this issue is somewhat moot for now as the Commission is under new leadership and headed in a far better direction. Rehashing old history here makes little sense, except to highlight the questionable degree of deference the court afforded the Commission – which, in all fairness, should also apply in the event that any future Commission action on net neutrality is reviewed.”

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