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**THE FIRST 100 DAYS UNDER FCC CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI:  
BRINGING THE BENEFITS OF THE DIGITAL AGE TO ALL AMERICANS**

*Closing the Digital Divide*

* Adopted new Mobility Fund Phase II rules providing up to $4.53 billion in universal service support over ten years to bring 4G LTE to millions of unserved Americans.
* Set key rules for a Connect America Fund competitive “reverse auction” that will provide nearly $2 billion for rural broadband deployment over the next decade.
* Partnered with the State of New York to deliver up to $170 million for broadband deployment in unserved rural areas.
* Created the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee—a panel of 29 experts to make recommendations on how to promote the deployment of better, faster, and cheaper broadband.
* Launched a proceeding to lower the cost and speed the deployment of wired broadband infrastructure and to facilitate the transition to next-generation networks.
* Launched a proceeding to boost wireless broadband by easing regulatory burdens on installing wireless infrastructure.
* Eliminated an overbuild requirement in order to allow Charter to build out to one million more locations currently without high-speed Internet access.

*Modernizing Rules and Eliminating Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens*

* Modernized regulatory framework for business data services in order to promote facilities-based competition and new investment.
* Adopted rules streamlining extraneous and outdated accounting requirements.
* Modernized our interpretation of our equal employment opportunity rules to account for the way that people actually look for jobs today.
* Relaxed third-party fundraising restrictions to permit many noncommercial television and radio stations to air limited fundraisers for the benefit of other non-profit organizations.
* Eased reporting burden for volunteer board members of noncommercial broadcast stations.
* Eliminated public correspondence file requirement for broadcasters.
* Eliminated requirement that cable operators maintain and allow public inspection of the location of a cable system’s principal headend.
* Gave AM broadcasters greater flexibility in locating their FM fill-in translators.
* Proposed to eliminate the annual international Traffic and Revenue Reports, which the FCC hasn’t used for years.
* Proposed to streamline the international Circuit Capacity Reports.
* Adopted new rules enabling 4G LTE broadband services in the 800 MHz Cellular Band.
* Provided regulatory relief to small Internet service providers by exempting them from costly and overly burdensome reporting requirements imposed in the *Title II Order*.

*Promoting Entrepreneurship and Innovation*

* Adopted proposal to allow broadcasters to voluntarily use the Next-Generation Television standard, also known as ATSC 3.0.
* Authorized the first LTE-U (LTE for unlicensed) devices in the 5 GHz band.
* Instituted process to rule on applications for new technologies and services within one year, consistent with Section 7 of the Communications Act.
* Launched new experimental licensing website for program licenses for research centers and universities.
* Ended the wide-ranging investigation into wireless companies’ popular, consumer-friendly free-data programs.

*Protecting Consumers and Promoting Public Safety*

* Advanced proposal to help consumers avoid unwanted robocalls, to prevent spoofing scams, and to confront fraudsters calling from overseas.
* Adopted new rules to make it easier to combat contraband cellphones in prisons and sought public input on new technological solutions to address the problem.
* Swiftly issued a waiver allowing threatened Jewish Community Centers to work with carriers and law enforcement to identify callers.
* Adopted new rules to improve the quality and efficiency of video relay services used by individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, and speech disabled, including a “skills-based routing” trial.
* Commenced investigation into March 8, 2017 AT&T 911 Outage and issued a preliminary report.
* Proposed a fine of over $400,000 on a New York City resident for apparently operating a radio transmitter on frequencies that the Commission has licensed to the New York City Police Department.
* Levied a $1 million fine against a Florida-based long distance carrier for impersonating representatives of customers’ existing long-distance providers and illegally switching the customers’ long-distance carriers.

*Increasing Agency Transparency and Reforming Agency Process*

* Made public the text of proposals and orders to be voted upon at the Commission’s monthly meetings three weeks in advance of the Commission’s vote.
* Formed working group to establish an Office of Economics and Data, which will more systematically incorporate economics and data analysis into the Commission’s policy work.

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