

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI**

Re: *Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band*, GN Docket No. 17-258; *Petitions for Rulemaking Regarding the Citizens Broadband Radio Service*, RM-11788 (Terminated), RM-11789 (Terminated)

Shortly after becoming Chairman, I asked Commissioner O’Rielly to take the lead in examining whether the Commission’s 3.5 GHz rules struck the right balance for encouraging investment and innovation in the band. Today’s *Notice* is the direct result of his efforts. I am grateful to Commissioner O’Rielly for his outstanding leadership on this issue and am pleased to support this *Notice*.

Many thanks also go to the staff who worked on this item. In particular, thanks to Charles Eberle, Kamran Etemad, Jessica Greffenius, Neşe Guendelsberger, Jonathan McCormack, Aalok Mehta, Gary Michaels, Roger Noel, Matthew Pearl, Paul Powell, Kelly Quinn, Becky Schwartz, Dana Shaffer, Don Stockdale, Joel Taubenblatt, Margie Wiener and Mary Claire York from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Navid Golshahi, Julie Knapp, Bob Pavlak, and Ron Repasi from the Office of Engineering and Technology; Chana Wilkerson from the Office of Communications Business Opportunities; and, David Horowitz, Bill Richardson, and Anjali Singh from the Office of General Counsel.