STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI


Throughout my tenure, I’ve emphasized the need to eliminate unnecessary and outdated regulations. And in this Order alone, we’re eliminating six such rules. Three of them impose antiquated administrative and recordkeeping burdens on a subset of wireless licensees, including those in the 800 MHz cellular band. For instance, licensees have to maintain hard copies of such authorizations and make them available for inspection by the Commission. Given that license authorizations are now available electronically through the Commission’s Universal Licensing System (ULS), this is pointless. The other three rules that we’re removing from the Code of Federal Regulations apply to the same subset of wireless licensees but are duplicative of rules contained elsewhere. They serve no purpose but to clutter our rulebook.

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