

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI**

Re: *Amendment of Parts 1 and 22 of the Commission's Rules with Regard to the Cellular Service, Including Changes in Licensing of Unserved Area, WT Docket No. 12-40, RM No. 11510; Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Relocation of Part 24 to Part 27; Interim Restrictions and Procedures for Cellular Service Applications; Amendment of Parts 0, 1, and 22 of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Frequency Coordination for the Cellular Service; Amendment of Part 22 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Certain Administrative and Filing Requirements; Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Radiated Power Limits for the Cellular Service, RM No. 11660; Amendments of Parts 1, 22, 24, 27, 74, 80, 90, 95, and 101 to Establish Uniform License Renewal, Discontinuance of Operation, and Geographic Partitioning and Spectrum Disaggregation Rules and Policies for Certain Wireless Radio Services, WT Docket No. 10-112; 2016 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations, WT Docket No. 16-138.*

Throughout my tenure, I've emphasized the need to eliminate unnecessary and outdated regulations.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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