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**CHAIRMAN PAI STATEMENT ON EIGHTH CIRCUIT DECISION
UPHOLDING CORE ACTIONS ON BUSINESS DATA SERVICES**

WASHINGTON, August 28, 2018—Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai issued the following statement regarding today’s ruling from the Eighth Circuit, which upheld the FCC’s decision to remove onerous regulations on certain business data services in competitive markets:

“It’s a good day for forward-thinking regulation. Here’s why: Last year, based on a thorough analysis of a massive amount of data, the Commission adopted a ‘competitive market test’ to determine where regulation of business data services was still needed and where it would impede investment, innovation, and competition. I’m pleased that the Eighth Circuit upheld that test and the detariffing and deregulation of last-mile business data services that the test suggested. Indeed, the court recognized that the Commission had proposed ‘large scale de-regulation’ and repeatedly affirmed the Commission’s policy judgments as reasonable. The court did identify a narrow procedural issue that the Commission needs to address, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to do just that as soon as possible.”

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