

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI**

Re: *Amendment of Section 73.3613 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Filing of Contracts*, MB Docket No. 18-4; *Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative*, MB Docket No. 17-105.

I'll keep it simple. 1939: The FCC requires broadcasters to file paper copies of certain contracts with the Commission. 2018: There's this thing called the Internet. Broadcasters now have the option of either posting these documents online in their public inspection file or maintaining an up-to-date list in their online file and providing copies to any requesting party within seven days. Therefore anyone who cares to access these documents (and virtually nobody does) can easily do so. This regulation is no longer necessary—in fact, it's burdensome—so we're repealing it.

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