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**COMMISSIONER STARKS STATEMENT ON
U.S. DISTRICT COURT DECISION ON T-MOBILE/SPRINT MERGER**

WASHINGTON, February 11, 2020—FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks released the following statement regarding the decision by Judge Victor Marrero of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in *State of New York, et al. v. Deutsche Telekom AG, et al.*:

“The merger between T-Mobile and Sprint will dramatically alter America’s wireless landscape. The state Attorneys General presented a strong case. The court saw it differently. In particular, given how central DISH’s future role as a wireless competitor was to the court’s decision, I remain disappointed that those facts were not fully vetted in the merger that I voted on. Nevertheless, the merging parties have made significant promises – to lower prices, to deploy 5G throughout the country, and to increase the diversity of their suppliers, employees and executives. Moreover, DISH has promised to build a 5G network from scratch in a few short years. I look forward to seeing how these companies will fulfill their promises to the American people.”

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