STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER OLIVIA TRUSTY

Re: Delete, Delete, Direct Final Rule, GN Docket No. 25-133 (August 7, 2025)

Today, the Commission continues its important work to eliminate rules that are outdated, unnecessary, or hinder technological progress. In this proceeding, we have identified nearly 100 rules and requirements that no longer serve the public interest because the technologies they govern are now obsolete.

This Order represents another step forward in our effort to cut regulatory red tape, promote innovation, and foster economic growth by clearing out rules that have outlived their purpose.

As technology continues to evolve and consumer behavior shifts, legacy regulations often remain on the books long after their relevance has faded. This item targets some of those relics, such as rules related to the advanced approval of subscription television systems and others no longer used in practice by the Commission or licensees.

To carry out these changes efficiently, we're using the streamlined "direct final rule" process. This allows us to quickly remove insignificant and outdated provisions while still ensuring opportunities for timely public comment. These particular rules are low in both impact and visibility but clearing them from the books clears the path for innovation.

I want to thank the dedicated staff across our Offices and Bureaus for their careful and thorough review of these rules. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to ensure our regulatory framework remains modern, targeted, and aligned with the needs of American consumers and businesses.

I thank the Media Bureau for its excellent work on this item.