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FCC to Take Fresh Look at Accelerating Wireline Infrastructure Buildout

Action Advances the Commission's Build America Agenda

WASHINGTON, September 30, 2025—The Federal Communications Commission today announced that it will seek comment on ways the agency can accelerate the buildout of wireline infrastructure by looking at Section 253 of the Communications Act, which precludes state and local governments from imposing requirements that prohibit or effectively prohibit the provision of telecommunications service. Today's action advances the Commission's Build America Agenda, which will unleash growth and opportunity in the construction sector and make the work of America's construction crews easier.

Currently, in order to build out wireline infrastructure to consumers, providers must obtain authorization from state and local governments to deploy facilities and provide service, which can involve filing applications with numerous jurisdictions, resulting in delays and increased costs. This onerous process delays deployment, discourages private investment in networks, and risks wasting taxpayer funded federal support for these deployment projects. In 2018, the Commission took important steps to streamline requirements for siting, which spurred significant deployments in the ensuing years. However, wireline deployment projects continue to be delayed by regulatory red tape at the state and local levels.

Today's action kicks off a reexamination of the state and local statutes, regulations, and legal requirements that have an unlawful prohibitive effect on the provision of wireline services.

Action by the Commission September 30, 2025 by Notice of Inquiry (FCC 25-66). Chairman Carr, Commissioners Gomez and Trusty approving and issuing separate statements.

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