

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER AJIT V. PAI**

*Re: Sections 2.925 and 2.926 of the Rules Regarding Grantee Codes for Certified
Radiofrequency Equipment*

I support this housekeeping item to expand the size of grantee codes from three characters to five characters. And let me assure the American public that if it ever becomes necessary to take the bold step of moving to six- or seven-character grantee codes, the Office of Engineering and Technology will have my full backing.

On a more serious note, equipment authorization is a vital but underappreciated Commission function. For the sake of all consumers, it is important that devices and equipment sold in the United States comply with the Commission's technical standards. For example, if one consumer's device does not comply with our emission limits, it can hamper other consumers' ability to use their devices.

It is also imperative, however, to have an efficient authorization process so that innovative products can reach the market in a timely manner. I look forward to reviewing the proposals previewed by OET this morning for further improving the equipment authorization process and stand ready to implement further reforms to the process that will allow technically compliant devices to reach the marketplace more quickly.