

**STATEMENT OF
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Re: Applications of GCI Communication Corp., ACS Wireless License Sub, Inc., ACS of Anchorage License Sub, Inc., and Unicom, Inc. For Consent To Assign Licenses to The Alaska Wireless Network, LLC, WT Docket No. 12-187; WC Docket No. 09-197.

Ensuring robust competition in all sectors of the wireless market is a priority for the Commission. For this reason, we should continue to review carefully all transfer of control and assignment of license applications and prioritize them for timely decision-making. The FCC has approved 95 percent of transaction applications within the 180-day informal timeline. Careful review is, however, especially important in a transaction like this one, which combines the facilities of two of the largest carriers that have long served Alaska. Of course, our ability to act expeditiously depends in large part on the responsiveness of the parties to the application. In this case, I am pleased that the Commission was able to approve the underlying transaction within two weeks of the parties' providing final amended language to protect against the inappropriate use of competitively sensitive information.