STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI

Re: *Section 43.62 Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Services*, IB Docket No. 17-55; *2016 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations*, IB Docket No. 16-131, *Report and Order*.

In 1941, Washington National Airport (now Reagan National) opened for business. On opening day, American and Eastern, the only two airlines operating flights to National, drew straws to determine which would land first at the airport. (American won.) Today at Reagan, you can choose among 10 airlines with direct flights to over 85 cities. And among everything from Chick-Fil-A to Wow Bao. Clearly, times have changed.

So too in our world. Earlier this year, we identified international reporting requirements as old as National Airport that are due for a change.

Today, we make that change, eliminating the annual Traffic and Revenue Reports that were first put in place back in 1941. The record shows that the benefits of this ongoing data collection are scant, while the burdens on providers of international services are anything but.

We also streamline our data collection for the Circuit Capacity Reports to require only the information we actually need. By relying on targeted data collections instead of retaining these two reports in their current form, we will save filers and our own staff considerable resources without any negative impact on the FCC's mission.

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