

**STATEMENT OF  
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI**

Re: *Amendments to Harmonize and Streamline Part 20 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Requirements for Licensees to Overcome a CMRS Presumption*, WT Docket No. 16-240.

With today's *Order*, we eliminate unnecessary rules that make no sense with today's flexible use approach to licensing. Specifically, we will no longer presume that certain spectrum bands are being used to provide commercial service rather than private service. Instead, we'll simply regulate licensees based on the nature of the services they are actually providing. This will eliminate the need for providers seeking to offer private service in particular spectrum bands to jump through extra hoops at the Commission in order to be regulated as a private service. But it won't make any changes to the underlying obligations required for either commercial or private service.

This is as common-sense and good-government a measure as you get, and it finalizes the proposal we unanimously adopted just last year.

Thanks to the staff for their work to help us modernize these rules. In particular, thanks to Jessica Greffenius, Kathy Harris, Roger Noel, Tom Reed, Jennifer Salhus, and Peter Trachtenberg from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Jennifer Gilson and Karl Kensinger from the International Bureau; Jim Bradshaw from the Media Bureau; Kristine Fargotstein from the Wireline Competition Bureau; Michael Connelly and Michael Wilhelm from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau; Chana Wilkerson from the Office of Communications Business Opportunities; and David Horowitz and Anjali Singh from the Office of General Counsel.