

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI**

Re: *Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, 15, and 18 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Authorization of Radio Frequency Equipment*, ET Docket No. 15-170.

Two weeks ago, I had the opportunity to travel internationally. After some bumps getting out of the country, when I arrived back in the United States I was struck by the speed and ease with which I could pass through customs using my global entry card and the Automated Passport Control kiosk. I was pleased to be able to use this service aimed at increasing efficiency and improving the consumer experience. So too, this *Report and Order* aims to improve and increase the efficiency of the Commission's rules.

For instance, we are modernizing rules relating to the authorization of radiofrequency equipment. Our decades-old rules subject "new" technologies—like personal computers—to a more strenuous self-approval process than what is required for more "established" technologies. But PCs are no longer new and unfamiliar, and they have tried and true testing procedures, yet they are still subject to the stricter and costlier self-approval process. Consolidating our approval procedures into the new Supplier's Declaration of Conformity procedure is a common-sense solution to the problem of regulating rapidly changing markets and will eliminate unnecessary and costly red tape.

We are also continuing the charge into the digital age by replacing physical labeling of FCC-authorized equipment with electronic labeling. Codifying this rule, provides flexibility to manufacturers, with the goal of benefiting American consumers.

We also act to change the measurement standards so that the Commission can be far more agile in responding to changes in technology and industry standards. This is a good thing, because at the rate that technology is advancing these days it is more important than ever to think prospectively and prevent innovation from getting stuck in regulatory muck.

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