

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI**

Re: *Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz For Mobile Radio Services*, GN Docket No. 14-177

In order to auction the upper 37 GHz, 39 GHz, and 47 GHz bands later this year, we need to resolve pending issues regarding the U.S. Department of Defense's ability to use of the upper 37 GHz band in limited circumstances. This *Order* does just that. We establish a process that protects the interests of non-Federal licensees in the band while accommodating the Department's needs. That's a win for American leadership in 5G *and* a win for our country's military—not something that happens every day.

This item also establishes rules authorizing Fixed-Satellite Service operators, such as satellite broadband service operators, to license individual earth stations in the 50 GHz band. This will hopefully enable faster and more advanced services for American consumers.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our counterparts at the Pentagon for their collaboration. The issues here are quite complex, and I appreciate their working in good faith to reach a mutually agreeable resolution.

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