

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN BRENDAN CARR**

Re: *Advancing IP Interconnection; Accelerating Network Modernization; Call Authentication Trust Anchor*, WC Docket Nos. 25-304, 25-208, 17-97, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (October 28, 2025).

Since February, we've been taking a series of steps to move America's communications networks out of the copper era and into the modern broadband age. These efforts are about accelerating the buildout of high-speed, reliable networks so providers can focus on upgrading and expanding service rather than maintaining decades-old and increasingly expensive copper line networks.

Today, we're taking the next step by seeking comment on whether to remove outdated interconnection rules that were written for the days of landlines and dial tones. At the same time, we are looking at ways to ensure a smooth transition to all-IP networks while maintaining strong oversight on public safety, consumer protection, and competition.

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