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## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSITIONS POLICY TASK FORCE'S PUBLIC NOTICE**

Today's public notice is a missed opportunity. Rather than establish well-defined trials to test the Internet Protocol (IP) transition in a set of designated wire centers—what I have called an All-IP Pilot Program—the Technology Transitions Policy Task Force instead proposes several case studies to examine what market actors are already doing. For example, the Public Notice seeks to request information from states like Tennessee that have started the transition to Next-Generation 911. It is commendable to acknowledge forward-thinking deployments like these, but the passive collection and perusal of information is not a trial. A survey, perhaps; an observation, maybe; but not a “trial.”

The Federal Communications Commission is at a crossroads. We can embrace the future by expediting the IP Transition. Or we can cling to the past by saddling next-generation networks with regulatory constructs from the 1880s. After today's public notice, I am more uncertain than ever which path we are taking.

I still hope to work with my colleagues, those today and those to come, to establish a modernized regulatory framework for the IP transition. The unmistakable message to be drawn from the marketplace and the aggregated decisions of millions of American consumers is that the transition is well underway. Hopefully, we will take the necessary steps—including a robust, comprehensive All-IP Pilot Program—to ensure that the transition is a smooth and successful one.