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STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI
On the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals Yet Again Rebuking FCC Overreach

WASHINGTON, November 18, 2016.—In 2015, the FCC adopted the *VoIP Symmetry Order* on a party-line vote. As I said in my dissent, the order “alters our rules to mean something they’ve never meant before.” This morning, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals vacated that order, finding it unlawful.

I welcome this latest reminder from the federal courts that neither the FCC nor any other administrative agency is above the law.

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