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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY
ON THE RESIGNATION OF USAC CEO**

WASHINGTON, May 4, 2017. — “The departure of its CEO presents an opportunity for the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to clean up its act. USAC as it has been managed is not sufficiently accountable to the Commission, and is not meeting the needs of universal service stakeholders or the public, who pay fees to support USAC’s operations. Absent significant and timely improvements, I believe that all options should be on the table, including putting USAC’s functions out for contract, as the Commission has done in other circumstances.”

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