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STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN PAI ON COURT DECISION TO DENY STAY OF BUSINESS DATA SERVICES REFORMS

WASHINGTON, August 8, 2017—Yesterday the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals denied a motion to stay the effect of the Commission’s reform of its rules governing business data services. Chairman Pai issued the following statement:

“The court’s decision to let our modernization of our business data services rules take effect is an important—though unsurprising—affirmation that the Commission thoroughly analyzed our massive data collection to establish a robust, forward-looking competitive framework. These reforms will encourage vigorous investment in next-generation networks, which is critical if we are going to bridge the digital divide in our country.”

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