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See *MCI v. FCC*, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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## **STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON DENIAL OF TELL CITY WAIVER REQUEST**

I am disappointed by the Media Bureau's decision to deny the Tell City waiver request. We have seen that FM translators can serve as a lifeline for struggling AM stations, and granting this waiver would have made it easier for AM stations to obtain such translators. This step would have provided immediate relief to AM broadcasters, which is why the waiver request received widespread support from broadcasters as well as the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council.

Today's decision highlights the need for the Commission to take immediate action to help AM radio. Had it been up to me, the Tell City waiver request would have been resolved as part of the AM revitalization proceeding. But now that we're on a different path, it's even more critical that we open a window for AM broadcasters to apply for FM translators. If we take that step, the denial of the Tell City waiver request will only be a temporary setback in our effort to revitalize the AM band.