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FCC’s Wireless Infrastructure Order Cuts \$1.56 Billion in Red Tape, Creates 17,000 Jobs
New Accenture Report Highlights Massive Savings for Small Cell Deployment

WASHINGTON, March 13, 2018—The FCC’s proposed wireless infrastructure order would save Americans \$1.56 billion, according to a [report](#) released today from the international consulting firm Accenture. Not only would the order lead to more broadband for more Americans—including the expedited roll out of 5G—but the savings also could create more than 17,000 jobs, according to industry statistics.

The 5G Ready wireless infrastructure order would exempt small cells from certain federal historic and environmental reviews while streamlining those reviews for traditional macrocell sites. It comes after nearly a year of public outreach and consultation, in which the Commission heard from communities affected by insufficient mobile broadband coverage.

The [Accenture report](#) found that:

- **29 percent** of current small cell deployment costs come from NEPA/NHPA review
- Federal environmental and historic reviews cost nearly \$10,000 per small cell
- The order would **save Americans \$1.56 billion** between 2018-2026 alone

The private sector is projected to invest \$275 billion to upgrade America’s wireless service to 5G. The order’s cost savings alone would allow wireless providers to create more than 17,000 jobs and build in excess of 57,000 small cells, based on data derived from the report.

“Today’s report makes clear that cutting red tape means more broadband for more Americans,” said FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr. “Eliminating unnecessary regulations will provide better broadband, connect underserved areas, and create jobs. I look forward to ensuring America is ‘5G Ready’ and that we win the global race to 5G.”

The proposed order is [supported](#) by a wide range of stakeholders. Recent additions include the Progressive Policy Institute, the League of United Latin American Citizens, LGBT Tech, and the National Taxpayers Union.

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