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NARUC Supports New FCC Transparency Program

Agency's Improvements Will Facilitate Informed Input

WASHINGTON—Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai today released a statement on plans for improved transparency at the agency. The planned pilot program to release FCC documents to the public will help ensure that stakeholders are better informed and able to participate more fully in the process. In response to this announcement, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners has released the following statement:

"NARUC is pleased to see Chairman Pai taking steps to improve transparency at the FCC. For years, NARUC has supported several proposals to improve FCC transparency, including the action taken by Chairman Pai today. Releasing the text of an item to be voted on by the agency to the public while circulating it among the FCC commissioners gives all stakeholders access to the information necessary to provide informed input. We hope this pilot project will become the norm and we look forward to working with Chairman Pai and his colleagues on other transparency improvements going forward."

—NARUC President Robert F. Powelson of Pennsylvania

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