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FCC Chairman Wheeler Sets Course for Business Data Services, Video Marketplace and 5G at The INCOMPAS Show

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Tom Wheeler delivered the keynote address at [The INCOMPAS Show](#), a preeminent networking event hosted by [INCOMPAS](#), the competitive networks association. During his remarks, Chairman Wheeler discussed his goal of having the Commission adopt a proposed framework for business data services (BDS, also known as special access) this month and conclude the proceeding by the end of 2016. He also talked about the importance of BDS in supporting the roll-out of 5G, for which spectrum will be designated this summer, and the need for greater competition in the set-top box market.

In response to the Chairman's speech, Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS, released the following statement:

“Chairman Wheeler again underscored the importance of ‘competition, competition, competition’ across the entire communications ecosystem – from the set-top boxes consumers use to access a growing array of video programming to the wireline and wireless networks that are vital to delivering services to businesses and mobile consumers to the innovation that flows from an open Internet.

The Chairman is addressing issues that are core to INCOMPAS members with a common sense approach. His proposed policies are based on the realities of our quickly changing marketplace and we appreciate that he is treating issues, such as business data services and set-top box competition, with the urgency they deserve. With the new proposed policy framework for business data services, competition will grow and be able to support the burgeoning 5G market, which will strengthen our nation’s leadership in a world that is increasingly wireless, as well as promote competition for businesses, non-profits, healthcare facilities, and local governments, including schools and libraries.

We look forward to working with the Chairman and his fellow Commissioners to continue building consensus on these core issues and ensure that moving forward, there is an abundance of competition – in networks, devices and content – to benefit all consumers and businesses across the country.”

About INCOMPAS

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