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INCOMPAS Praises Court Decision on Pole Attachments as Broadband Deployment Victory

WASHINGTON DC (July 31, 2017) – In a court ruling today by the Eighth Circuit the Federal Communications Commission’s pole attachment proposal was upheld. INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, praised the decision and released the following **statement from CEO, Chip Pickering**:

“Today the Eighth Circuit provided a victory for broadband users, competition and deployment by upholding the FCC’s decision on pole attachments that equalizes and potentially lowers certain pole attachment rates.

“Pole attachment pricing and delays have held back the deployment of broadband networks by new companies seeking to provide better service, faster speeds and lower prices. Pole attachment reform represents one of the key building blocks for promoting the continued deployment of competitive broadband services across the nation, and we applaud today’s court decision.

“We now hope the FCC takes the next, necessary step in spurring broadband deployment by allowing new attachers the option to invoke a one-touch, make ready process for pole attachments, which will provide more affordable, timely and efficient construction of competitive networks.”

About INCOMPAS:

INCOMPAS, the Internet and competitive networks association, is the leading trade group advocating for competition policy across all networks. INCOMPAS represents Internet, streaming, communications and technology companies large and small, advocating for laws and policies that promote competition, innovation and economic development. Learn more at www.incompas.org or follow us on Twitter: @INCOMPAS @ChipPickering