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INCOMPAS: Small Cell Deployment Reforms Will Help Launch Networks of the Future

WASHINGTON, DC (February 28, 2018) – On Wednesday, Commissioner Brendan Carr of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) announced plans to reform the regulatory review process for small cell deployment.

Under the Order that will be proposed tomorrow, small cells are no longer subject to federal historic and environmental review processes designed for much larger structures. Removing these barriers will help to streamline deployment of the 5G networks of the future. Commissioner Carr predicts these measures will reduce the regulatory costs of deployment by 80 percent, while cutting the time it takes to deploy by more than half.

INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, released the following statement in response, from CEO Chip Pickering:

“We applaud Commissioner Carr and the FCC for taking common sense steps to reform the small cell deployment process to recognize America’s modern infrastructure needs.

“Deploying 5G networks is a national priority, critical to our nation’s security. The cost- and time-savings these reforms will bring are an important first step to deploying the networks of the future, bringing 5G to even more Americans.”

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