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INCOMPAS Urges FCC to Apply Regulatory Flexibility to Providers under Rural Call Completion Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 5, 2018) – INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, filed comments in the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) on ensuring the completion of long distance telephone calls to rural areas and the adoption of implementing rules for the Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2017 (RCC Act).

This FNPRM follows a Report and Order in which the Commission decided not to mandate any specific best practices on originating and terminating (covered) providers of long distance calls, giving them the necessary flexibility to comply with the Commission’s new monitoring requirements. In its comments, INCOMPAS urges the FCC to apply the same flexible regulatory approach as they did to covered providers to intermediate providers of long distance calls. They also call on the FCC to provide more clarity as to which intermediate providers will be subject to the RCC Act’s requirements.

Read INCOMPAS’ full comments [here](#).

In addition, INCOMPAS, released the following statement:

“We support the Commission’s ongoing efforts to resolve problems associated with rural call completion. The FCC’s previous decision not to apply specific mandates on covered providers was the right call and we urge them to apply the same regulatory flexibility to intermediate providers. Given that these providers are already proactively adopting solutions to reduce call failure rates and better serve their customers, allowing them to continue innovative policies that work for their businesses is the best way forward.”

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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