INCOMPAS Applauds FCC Actions to Streamline the Race to the Future and 5G

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 26, 2018) – INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, applauds today’s vote at the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to approve the Streamlining Deployment of Next Generation Wireless Infrastructure Order.

The Order will help speed the deployment of small wireless facilities, critical to the buildout of 5G networks. Amongst other things, it establishes new shot clocks for reviewing siting applications for these facilities (at 60 days for collocations on preexisting structures and 90 days for requests that involve the construction of new facilities) and limiting certain fees associated with their deployment to no greater than a reasonable approximation of costs.

INCOMPAS CEO Chip Pickering released the following statement in response:

“5G is both the present and the future, and we must win the global race to next generation networks. This order is a big step forward for our national deployment agenda. We thank the Commission for its actions today towards achieving this goal.

“We urge the Commission to keep taking steps to advance both wired and wireless deployment, including next generation 5G and fiber networks. Granting the USTelecom competition cut off petition would be a major step backwards from these goals.”

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