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Broken BDS Promise Tarnishes Competition Legacy

WASHINGTON DC (November 16, 2016) – In response to the FCC Chairman’s decision to delete the Business Data Services Order from its agenda on Thursday, **Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS**, released the following statement:

“After a decade long delay, and over \$150 billion in economic impact to the American people due to overcharges, the business data services order deserves a vote at the FCC.

“Failure to act tarnishes this FCC’s competition legacy and punishes small businesses, schools and libraries who have been promised faster speeds, lower prices and more competition. The voters have insisted that Washington is broken. They want more competition and better pricing. The market is rigged for broadband monopolies. It’s time for FCC leadership, in the mold of Teddy Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan, willing to fight for competition for all.”

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About INCOMPAS:

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