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For Immediate Release**CHAIRMAN PAI STATEMENT ON RESTORING INTERNET
FREEDOM ORDER TAKING EFFECT**

WASHINGTON, May 10, 2018—The Federal Communications Commission’s Restoring Internet Freedom Order will take effect on June 11, returning the regulation of Internet service providers to the bipartisan, light-touch approach that fostered rapid Internet growth, openness, and freedom for nearly 20 years. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai issued the following statement:

“I strongly support a free and open Internet. And that’s exactly what we’ve had for decades, starting in the Clinton Administration. The Internet wasn’t broken in 2015, when the prior FCC buckled to political pressure and imposed heavy-handed Title II rules on the Internet economy. It doesn’t make sense to apply outdated rules from 1934 to the Internet, but that’s exactly what the prior Administration did.

“Now, on June 11, these unnecessary and harmful Internet regulations will be repealed and the bipartisan, light-touch approach that served the online world well for nearly 20 years will be restored. The Federal Trade Commission will once again be empowered to target any unfair or deceptive business practices of Internet service providers and to protect American’s broadband privacy. Armed with our strengthened transparency rule, we look forward to working closely with the FTC to safeguard a free and open Internet.

“On June 11, we will have a framework in place that encourages innovation and investment in our nation’s networks so that all Americans, no matter where they live, can have access to better, cheaper, and faster Internet access and the jobs, opportunities, and platform for free expression that it provides. And we will embrace a modern, forward-looking approach that will help the United States lead the world in 5G, the next generation of wireless connectivity. For months, many politicians and special interests have tried to mislead the American people about the Restoring Internet Freedom Order. Now everyone will be able to see the truth for themselves.”

Adopted on December 14, 2017, the Restoring Internet Freedom Order ends the heavy-handed, utility-style regulation from 1934 of broadband Internet access service. In place of these rules is a strengthened transparency requirement that empowers consumers in the marketplace. And by reversing the 2015 Title II designation, the Order allows the Federal Trade Commission to once again protect consumers’ online privacy and promote competition across the entire Internet ecosystem instead of harming innovation and investment with Depression-era rules.

To facilitate a smooth transition and ensure consumer protection, the FCC tied the effective date of the entire new framework to the approval of the new transparency rule by the Office of Management and Budget. This review is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for any new regulation that requires industry to provide the government with information. The OMB

approved the transparency rule on May 2, and the FCC set June 11 as the effective date of the new framework to give providers time to comply with the transparency requirement.

For more information about the Restoring Internet Freedom Order, visit <https://www.fcc.gov/restoring-internet-freedom>.

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