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FCC COMMISSIONER COPPS RESPONDS TO EFFORTS TO PRESERVE COMPETITION IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKET

Washington, D.C.—Commissioner Michael J. Copps issued the following statement today:

“I join my colleagues in encouraging carriers to engage in negotiations in an effort to preserve competition in the telecommunications market. I support negotiations, provided they are conducted in good faith and on a level playing field. But the ground here is not naturally level. As a result, carriers will be doubly challenged to reach fair commercial agreements in a limited timeframe.

Consumers—the people who pay America’s phone bills—don’t have a seat at the negotiating table. They will rightfully feel left out in the cold if these negotiations only lead to higher phone rates. I commit to watching these discussions to ensure that consumers are protected in the months ahead. They deserve—and expect—no less.”

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