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Chairman Powell Reacts to 9th Circuit Cable Modem Decision

I am disappointed that the Court declined to address the merits of the Commission's policy that was carefully developed over the past several years.

The Commission has worked tirelessly to advance economic growth and investment in high-speed Internet networks. By standing on a prior decision, this court, as Judge O'Scannlain noted in October, "effectively stops a vitally important policy debate in its tracks."

This decision also prolongs uncertainty to the detriment of consumers. That is why we will study our options and explore how to continue to advance broadband deployment for all Americans.