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Statement of the FCC Chairman on the Government's Appeal of the 9th Circuit's Cable Modem Ruling

The acting Solicitor General of the United States on Friday joined the FCC in an appeal to the Supreme Court of the 9th Circuit's "Brand X" cable modem decision. In response, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael K. Powell issued the following statement:

"This is about ensuring that high-speed Internet connections aren't treated like what they're not: telephones. A successful appeal of this case would ultimately mean lower prices and better service for American consumers. Applying taxes, regulations and concepts from a century ago to today's cutting-edge services will only stifle innovation and competition."

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