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## STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN MICHAEL K. POWELL ON D.C. CIRCUIT LNP DECISIONS

Today's D.C. Circuit rulings are another big win for competition and wireless consumers – one more potential hurdle has been removed on the road to an even more robustly competitive marketplace.

The Court's action validates the FCC's commitment to provide all consumers with the benefit of wireless local number portability. Indeed, wireless LNP has already allowed millions of consumers to exercise choice in a competitive marketplace.

The Court also upheld the Commission's commitment to allowing consumers to take their numbers between wireline and wireless carriers. While the Court directed the Commission to seek more information from small and rural carriers on the impact of these requirements, I am confident that the Commission will be able to respond quickly to the Court's directive and fully implement intermodal local number portability.