COMMENTS ON NET NEUTRALITY

As a former staff member at the FCC, a former state public service commissioner and the former Chairman of the NARUC Telecommunications Committee, I submit these comments with a good deal of understanding of the issue. If you were to look back at the comments of Verizon, AT&T and Comcast filed before 2015, the world was coming to an end if the FCC adopted a net neutrality rule. The companies would not sustain their business models and their competitors would increase their profit margins to very immodest levels. Moreover, the internet would have become a overly regulated, unworkable network of communications. As we now know, these prognostications did not transpire. Instead, we saw the stock prices of the three companies rise in 2016 and we saw the internet reach new levels of competitive fervor. There is no need to rescind, revise or even review the 2015 rule. The countryhas and can continue to livewith it.

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