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## **FCC CHAIRMAN KEVIN MARTIN STATEMENT ON WIRELINE BUREAU GRANTING TIME WARNER PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING ON INTERCONNECTION WITH INCUMBENT LECs**

The Commission must promote competition in every sector it oversees and create a level playing field among service providers. We recently acted to increase competition and give consumers more choice among providers of television programming. Similarly, today, we help ensure that there is meaningful competition in local telephone service.

Our decision will enhance consumers' choice for phone service by making clear that cable and other VoIP providers must be able to use local phone numbers and be allowed to put calls through to other phone networks. By increasing competition in the telephone sector, this action encourages the deployment of broadband facilities and ensures that consumers in all areas of the country reap the benefits of competition in the form of lower prices, innovative services and more choice.

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