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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI**

**ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF LPFM FILING WINDOW**

I applaud today’s Public Notice by the Media Bureau announcing that the window for low-power FM applications will open on October 15, 2013. Last November, I proposed to my colleagues that we set October 15 as the target date for the filing window so that community organizations could prepare their applications and begin planning new stations.[[1]](#footnote-1) I was pleased that this target date was included in the *Sixth Report and Order*.[[2]](#footnote-2) And I am even more pleased that, thanks to the hard work of those in the Media Bureau, we are meeting that target. Enabling new low-power FM stations to begin broadcasting is critical to advancing the Commission’s diversity goals, and I encourage interested organizations across the country to take advantage of this opportunity.

1. *Creation of a Low Power Radio Service and Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast*

*Translator Stations*, Sixth Report and Order and Fifth Order on Reconsideration, 27 FCC Rcd 15402, 15520 (2012) (Statement of Commissioner Ajit Pai), *available at* http://go.usa.gov/bmD9. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Id.* at 15481, para. 211. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)