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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O’RIELLY
ON FCC RELEASE OF CLOSING AND
CHANNEL REASSIGNMENT PN**

WASHINGTON, April 13, 2017. — “Releasing the Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice finally removes the speculative rumors about its outcome and lets everyone start planning for the future. Moreover, it initializes the ability for the Commission and others to conduct substantial analysis regarding the auction structure and procedures. The many steps that remain to actually complete the auction -- including repacking the broadcasters and releasing this spectrum to forward auction winners -- must be done thoughtfully and carefully.”

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