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See *MCI v. FCC*, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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## **FCC STREAMLINES PART 17 RULES TO PROVIDE CLARITY REGARDING ANTENNA STRUCTURE LIGHTING AND MARKING**

Washington, D.C. –The Federal Communications Commission adopted a *Report and Order* to streamline and eliminate outdated provisions of the Part 17 Rules governing the construction, marking and lighting of antenna structures. As part of the Commission’s ongoing process reform initiative, this item will provide clarity and reduce the regulatory burden on tower owners and licensees.

The item adopted today is an important step in the Commission’s efforts to facilitate wireless infrastructure deployment. The Order harmonizes Commission rules with FAA guidelines, recognizing that FAA is the expert agency on matters of air safety. The Order also modernizes the Commission’s lighting and marking requirements to reflect technological advancements and current industry standards.

The Order makes common sense changes to Commission rules such as allowing tower owners to provide tenants with antenna structure registration (ASR) information via mail, email or other electronic methods. Additionally, the Order streamlines rules regarding the maintenance of tower lighting and marking by exempting tower structures that employ robust, continuous monitoring systems from the requirement for quarterly physical inspections of lighting systems. Both of these changes will significantly reduce costs for the tower industry.

The reforms adopted by the Commission today will remove barriers to wireless deployment, reduce unnecessary costs, and encourage providers to continue to deploy advanced systems that facilitate safety while preserving the safeguards to protect historic, environmental and local interests.

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Action by the Commission August 8, 2014, by Report and Order (FCC 14-117). Chairman Wheeler, Commissioners Clyburn, Rosenworcel, Pai and O’Rielly. Chairman Wheeler, Commissioners Clyburn, Rosenworcel, Pai and O’Rielly issuing statements.

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