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FSF's President Randolph May Says FCC Right to Seek Further Comment

The following statement may be attributed to Randolph May, President of The Free State Foundation, concerning the FCC's announcement that it will seek further comment in the agency's *Open Internet* proceeding:

"The FCC's decision to seek further comment in its Open Internet proceeding before acting is wise, and Chairman Genachowski deserves credit for taking this step. While I might disagree with the characterization of the degree to which the issues have been narrowed, it is certainly fair to say that there has been some bridging of previous divides. Seeking further comment on the issues relating to specialized services and wireless platforms can only serve to further clarify the issues and, potentially, bridge differences. This is surely positive. Given there is no urgency in acting on the Third Way classification proposal, and assuming the FCC will not move forward while comments are being solicited and considered, I am pleased with this action."

Randolph J. May, President of The Free State Foundation, is a former FCC Associate General Counsel and a former Chairman of the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice. Mr. May is a nationally recognized expert in communications law, Internet law and policy, and administrative law and regulatory practice. He is the author of more than 125 scholarly articles and essays on communications law and policy, administrative law, and constitutional law. He is the editor of the new book, *New Directions in Communications Policy*, and he is co-editor of other two books on communications law and policy: *Net Neutrality or Net Neutering: Should Broadband Internet Services Be Regulated?* and *Communications Deregulation and FCC Reform*.

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