

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

Re: Federal Communications Commission Designates Spectrum and Provides Guidance for Participation in a Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test Bed; ET Docket No. 06-89

It is welcome news that we finally are moving forward with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration on designating spectrum and identifying procedures for a joint test-bed. I have long stressed the importance of keeping the Commission on the leading edge of spectrum-based technology and policy. It was June of 2006 when we first sought comment on creating a Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed (Test-Bed). But just because we've made the bed, doesn't mean it's time to rest. Instead, it's high time that we rouse from our nearly two-year slumber and get this initiative underway.

The Test-Bed is an important vehicle for considering and developing new spectrum management innovations for federal and non-federal use and operations in the future. I am pleased that the Test-Bed operations will allow for an objective evaluation of new technologies for facilitating sharing between federal and non-federal spectrum users. It is equally important that we protect incumbent spectrum users, so I am pleased that the test operations will incorporate three discrete phases to address any potential interference.

This initiative offers us an invaluable opportunity to consider new methods for intensive sharing spectrum and other important spectrum management issues in the coming years. I encourage all interested parties to take part in this important initiative.