

**CONSOLIDATED SEPARATE STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER KEVIN J. MARTIN**

*Re: Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules To Allocate Spectrum Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Services To Support the Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services, including Third Generation Wireless Services, Second Report and Order, ET Docket No. 00-258;
Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 1.7 and 2.1 GHz Bands, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WT Docket No. 02-XXX*

I am pleased to support these items, which allocate spectrum and seek comment on service rules for advanced wireless services in the 1.7 GHz and 2.1 GHz bands. These items provide two 45 MHz blocks of contiguous spectrum which, we propose, can be used for a range of advanced wireless services. While the wireless industry is already on the forefront in offering innovative new services, advances in technology are developing that will provide consumers exciting new applications such as truly high-speed Internet access on their mobile phones and the ability to use their mobile phones as cameras, sending digital pictures to other phones or computers at the touch of a button. A crucial ingredient to these services, however, is sufficient spectrum. These items provide some of that spectrum, making available a significant amount of spectrum that can be used for services such as expanded voice, data, and broadband applications provided over high-speed fixed and mobile networks – applications often called “third generation” (“3G”) or, internationally, “International Mobile Telecommunications-2000” (“IMT-2000”). These items should thus lead to substantial consumer benefits, as new and better quality services develop in the 1.7 GHz and 2.1 GHz bands.

I commend all of the different parts of government for working together to make this happen. In particular, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration deserves praise for spearheading this effort. NTIA, working with the Department of Defense, the State Department, the Office of Management and Budget, and the FCC's staff, developed a plan that serves as the blueprint for making this spectrum available. They accomplished a major step in ensuring that new and innovative wireless services will be available to American consumers.

These items also mark an important move toward a more predictable spectrum policy at the FCC. In the past, spectrum decisions have often been made ad hoc, leading to short bursts of spectrum being made available in response to specific exigencies. These items, in contrast, are part of a longer-range plan, in which we will make a significant amount of spectrum available over a period of several years. Spectrum users thus should have the certainty to develop business plans in advance of critical needs. They can be assured that when spectrum is needed it will be there.

These items are a step in the right direction, and I look forward to continuing our efforts to provide new and better services to consumers and certainty and predictability to the spectrum community.