

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

Re: Modification of Parts 2 and 15 of the Commission's Rules for Unlicensed Devices and Equipment Approval; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; ET Docket No. 03-201.

I am pleased to see the Commission is seeking comment on modifications to Parts 2 and 15 of its rules. It is always a challenge to ensure that our rules keep pace with, and at the very least, do not hinder, the advancement of new technologies and the opportunities they provide. This NPRM proposes modifications allowing for advanced antenna technologies and new spread spectrum devices, as well as increased flexibility in systems designed to operate in these bands. I am hopeful that unlicensed operations will, as some have suggested, eventually provide a last-mile application to connect people's homes to the Internet, offering a real alternative to telephone wires, cable, and satellite connections, particularly for rural America.