

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN

Re: Qualcomm Incorporated Petition for Declaratory Ruling (WT Docket No. 05-7),
FCC 06-155

This item carefully balances the Commission's goal of furthering wireless broadband deployment and minimizing disruption to broadcasters during the transition to digital television. It allows for the broader deployment of a network that promises to deliver next-generation, live video streams to mobile phones in a nationwide network, and will provide consumers with the potential to experience live video whenever, wherever and however they want it. Our action also promotes efficient and effective use of our valuable spectrum resources that would otherwise lay fallow during the digital transition. At the same time, we limit the potential for interference to incumbent broadcast stations using a measured approach to relief. I am pleased we are able to provide appropriate regulatory relief to encourage the growth of this wireless broadband network and the deployment of an enhanced video service for consumers.