

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

Re: *Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers*, WT Docket No. 05-265, *Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 10-59.

Today we take action to increase American consumers' access to mobile voice service, wherever and whenever they choose. We do so by creating a framework for seamless nationwide voice roaming. The framework will encourage carriers of all sizes to reach reasonable commercial agreements with each other, while also encouraging these carriers to continue investing in the coverage and capacity of existing voice networks to the ultimate benefit of consumers who increasingly rely on mobile communications. And we will adjudicate any disputes that may arise between carriers with a tailored, fact-based process that will support continued investment, innovation, and competition in mobile.

Consistent with the recommendation of the National Broadband Plan, our decision today also opens a broad inquiry into the critical issue of data roaming. There are few areas in communications that present greater promise for our country than mobile – in terms of driving our economy and delivering broad opportunity for all Americans – and our goal must be for America to lead the world in mobile. To promote this goal, we must ensure that American consumers have seamless access to multiple competitive broadband data communications services, wherever they are, while also ensuring that the United States has the most extensive and fastest mobile networks in the world.

I thank the Bureau and my colleagues for their hard work on this complex and important item.