

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

Re: Amendment of Part 27 of the Commission's Rules to Govern the Operation of Wireless Communications Services in the 2.3 GHz Band, WT Docket No. 07-293; Establishment of Rules and Policies for the Digital Audio Satellite Service in the 2310-2360 MHz Frequency Band, IB Docket No. 95-91, GEN Docket No. 90-357

To promote innovation, investment, and our global competitiveness, the National Broadband Plan recommends that 500 megahertz of spectrum be made available for broadband use within the next 10 years, including 300 megahertz for mobile broadband use in the next five years. Doing so is vital to seizing the opportunity of mobile broadband to be an enduring engine of economic growth, investment, and job creation in the 21st century.

Today's Report and Order moves us closer to this goal by amending the rules for Wireless Communication Services to make 25 megahertz of spectrum immediately available for mobile broadband. It is a strong down payment on a vital national need. And it comes at an important moment as 4G technologies are starting to be commercially deployed.

I am pleased that by taking a fresh look at the WCS rules, we are able to create an environment for innovative, cutting-edge mobile products and services in a spectrum band that has essentially remained fallow for years -- while still protecting adjacent band services from harmful interference and providing important clarity about the long-term operation of satellite radio terrestrial repeaters.

And to ensure that the potential of the WCS mobile broadband spectrum is realized fully and quickly, we also adopt strong build-out requirements that will spur investment and get services on this spectrum out to American consumers as speedily as possible.

This item has been awaiting action for many years and I'm glad that we are able to bring it to completion today. The National Broadband Plan was a real spur to today's important action to unleash spectrum. I thank the Bureaus and Offices and my colleagues for their hard work on these significant Reports and Orders.