

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL**

Re: *Comprehensive Review of Licensing and Operating Rules for Satellite Services*, Report and Order, IB Docket No. 12-267 (August 9, 2013)

Satellite services provide vital communications links to the most remote parts of this country. They connect our troops around the world. They are an important backstop for public safety communications when our terrestrial networks fail.

That is why I am pleased to support today's Report and Order, which cleans up and updates more than 150 provisions in Part 25 of our rules governing satellite services. These changes eliminate outdated requirements and restrictions. They increase transparency. But above all, they simplify our satellite operating policies. That should mean more speed with applications before this agency, swifter deployment of new services to the public, and greater opportunities for innovation and investment in the satellite industry. That is something I am pleased to support.

Thank you to the International Bureau and great universe of Commission experts who worked on today's decision.