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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O’RIELLY ON**

**THE CONCLUSION OF THE AWS-3 AUCTION**

The conclusion of today’s AWS-3 auction reemphasizes that licensed spectrum is valued more highly than ever in the marketplace. Credit needs to be given to Congress, especially Chairmen Upton and Walden, for its leadership in setting forth the directives that allowed for such a successful outcome. I’m excited to see this spectrum put to good use by winning bidders, transforming our current wireless broadband networks for the benefit of American consumers.