

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER BRENDAN CARR**

RE: *Facilitating Shared Use in the 3.1-3.55 GHz Band*, WT Docket No. 19-348

In January, I began calling 2019 the “Year of 5G.” The *concept* of 5G leadership in America did, in fact, go viral. My *hashtag* #YearOf5G sadly did not. In my annual pursuit of dominating a very, very particular part of Twitter, today’s item gives me yet another hashtag candidate: The Year of 3 GHz. That’s because 2020 is shaping up for tremendous action in that band.

At the top of 3 GHz, we are focused on a 2020 auction of C-Band spectrum. In the middle of the band, we have a 2020 auction of CBRS spectrum lined up. And here at the bottom of 3 GHz, we are now taking steps that could make available up to 250 MHz of additional spectrum for advanced wireless services, including 5G.

This is an NPRM, so I cannot promise where we will land precisely on all of the questions in 3.1-3.55 GHz—much as I cannot promise just how viral #YearOf3GHz will go. But I can promise that this Commission will continue our work to free up more spectrum for next-gen applications.

I want to thank the Wireless Bureau for its work on this item. It has my support.