

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER OLIVIA TRUSTY**

Re: *Upper C-band (3.98–4.2 GHz)*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, GN Docket No. 25-59
(November 20, 2025).

With today’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission takes another significant step toward ensuring that our spectrum policies meet the moment. The Upper C-Band, spanning 3.98 to 4.2 GHz, represents one of the last major mid-band opportunities to expand the ecosystem for next-generation wireless services. Consistent with Congress’s direction in the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act*, we are moving to make at least 100 megahertz, and potentially up to 180 megahertz, of this band available for flexible use through a system of competitive bidding.

This proceeding builds squarely on the success of the 3.7-3.98 GHz transition. By proposing to model our technical, licensing, and transition frameworks on those proven rules, we can expedite deployment while maintaining the certainty for incumbent satellite operations that have long relied on this spectrum for essential broadcast and communications services.

As we explore these options, I appreciate the Commission’s continued coordination with our federal partners, including the FAA and NTIA, to ensure coexistence with radio altimeters and other safety critical systems in adjacent bands. Sound engineering and interagency collaboration are essential to maintaining both innovation and safety.

I also welcome stakeholder input on how best to structure the auction and transition process to promote competition, efficient spectrum use, and investment in next-generation networks. Our collective goal must be to unlock new value in this band while ensuring continuity of service and safeguarding the public interest.

As we chart the next chapter of mid-band spectrum policy, I look forward to building on the lessons learned from prior transitions and advancing a balanced, forward-looking framework that supports innovation, reliability, and safety for all.

Thank you to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau for their work on this important item.